Bosun's Alphabet



D is for the Davits to low'r the boat down.

Chorus:

Sooo! merrily, so merrily, so merrily sail we, There's no mortal on earth like a sailor at sea, Blow high or blow low! as the ship sails along, Give a sailor his grog an' there's nothing goes wrong!

E is for the Earring when reefing we haul, F is for the Fo'c'sle where the bullies do brawl, Oh! G is for the Galley where the saltjunk smells strong, H is for the Halyards we hoist with a song.

I is for the Eyebolt - no good for the feet, J is for the Jobs, boys, stand by the lee sheet, Oh! K is for the Knightheads where the shantyman stands, L is for the Leeside hard found by new hands.

M is for the Maindeck - as white as new snow, N is for the Nigger gals in the land to which we go, Oh! O is for the Orlop, 'neath the 'tweendecks it lays, P is for the Peter flow on sailin' day.

Q is for the Quadrant - to the wheel it lies near, R is for the Rudder - it helps us to steer, Oh! S is for the Sheerpole over which we must climb, T is for the Topman, 'way loft every time.

U is for the Uniform - only worn aft, V is for the Vangs running from the main gaff, Oh! W is for the Water -we're on pint and pound, X marks the spot where Ol' Stormy was drowned.

Y is for the Yard-arm - needs a good sailorman, Z is for Zoe - I'm her fancy-man, So this is the end of me bully ol' song. Heave away, buckos, oh, heave long an' strong!