

The Day we went on *Albion*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is accompanied by chords: G, A7, D, C, G, D, G7, C, A7, D, C, G, D, G, D, G. The lyrics are: At Lud - ham Staithe we saw her, hist - o - ry a - float; then at the shed we boar - ded her, a Nor - folk wor - king boat. With no en - gine and no lux - ur - ies, for o - ver a hud - dred year the Al - bi - on has sailed the Broads and will ne - ver dis - a - ppear. The day we went on Al - bi - on we ne - ver shall for - get - .

2
There's only one enormous mast
and a halliard from the bow;
the windlass lets it up and down
by turning the handle round.
The big black sail goes high above
the trees, where strong winds blow,
but comes down in an instant
when under the bridge you go.

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we never shall forget.*

3
Among the cargoes that they took
from place to place you'd find
coal and carrots, pigs and porter,
worstead, wheat and wine.
Barrels of beer, rope and reed,
sugar beet and bricks;
thirty ton of sand one day,
cement or ice the next.

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4
We squeezed into the cuddy
and we nearly banged our heads;
we saw the stove for cooking
as we sat along the beds.
Lots of lockers everywhere
for storing food and tea,
but not a sink or table
nor an armchair or TV!

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we never shall forget.*

5
Along the Bure and Waveney
and up the mighty Yare;
on the Ant, the Thurne, the Chet,
in fact, just anywhere.
Wherever there was wind enough
and water free to flow
the Albion and all her kind
for centuries did go.

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