

# BALLAD of the "MAERSK ALABAMA"

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Em

In the month of April oh oh nine Off  
 [They] brazenly at - - - tack the ship To be -  
 Our mari - ners will ne - ver co - op - er - ate Though the  
 [His] next days pass in mi - se - ry As ne -  
 Point a gun at our Cap - tain? It's your last mis - take With your  
 [So] let the pi - rate world take note: When you  
 You've made us proud, Al - a - ba - ma's crew And a

3 Am B

A - fri - ca's east - ern shore An A - mer - i - can ship is  
 gin their pi - rate scheme But they strike no fear in A -  
 cow - ards rant and rave Their mis - sion has failed they won't  
 go - ti - a - tors try To get the Cap - tain  
 lives you soon will pay As the Na - vy Seals do what  
 see red, white, and blue Turn your boats a - round and  
 thou - sand wel - comes home From that dis - mal cor - ner

6 Em D Em

south - ward bound At fif - teen knots or more Her  
 mer - i - can hearts Tho' they threat - en and yell and scream A  
 get the ship But they might get a water - y grave! Cap - tain  
 back a - gain Be - fore some - one has to die The  
 they do best From a hun - dred yards a - way A  
 run like hell It's the sen - si - ble thing to do The  
 of the world Where we've let these pi - rates roam You

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car - go of food to sus - tain the lives Of the con - ti - nent's starv - ing  
 scuf - fle en - sues: one pi - rate less Sub - dued by a strong - er  
 Phil - lips de - cides on a da - ring plan As on - ly a brave man would  
 U S Na - vy ar - rives on scene Still the des - p'rate gang won't  
 gam - ble ta - ken and a gam - ble won On three tar - gets hard to  
 men who sail 'neath the Stars and Stripes Have no sto - mach for your  
 stood up to those use - less thugs Who ter - ror - ise the

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poor But e - vil men have o - ther plans That her  
 hand "This might be hard - er than we thought!" Thinks the  
 do: Let the thugs take a boat with him - self a - board As a  
 yield Not pre - da - tors now, they've be - come the prey And they  
 see Three shots three hap - less pir - ates dead Cap - tain  
 game Try your buc - ca - neer tricks on a U S crew And pre -  
 seas We need back - bone like yours to stop their pranks Or they'll keep

15 1 2 CHORUS

crew must soon en - - dure They  
 head of the pi - rate band What  
 hos - tage for his crew His  
 know their doom is sealed! What  
 Phil - lips is fin - ally free! So  
 pare to die in shame! What  
 do - ing as they please! What

18 C G D G Am

works on o - thers won't work on us As you'll find out in the  
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21 B C G D G Am B Em

end You may strike fear in - to the o - ther guys But it won't work on us, my friend!  
 end You may strike fear in - to the o - ther guys But it won't work on us, my friend!  
 end You may strike fear in - to the o - ther guys But it won't work on us, my friend!  
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*(last time = repeat chorus)*