

1. *Solist: Of all the wives I ever saw, ye ho,*

**Koor: ye ho lads ho, ye ho lads ho,**

*Solist: there's none like Nancy Lee I know ye ho,*

**Koor: ye ho lads ho, ye ho.**

*Solist: See there she stands and waves her hands above the quay,  
and every day when I'm away she'll pray for me,  
and whispers low when tempest blow for Jack at sea,  
ye ho lads ho, ye ho.*

**Koor: Refrein:**

**The sailors wife the sailors star shall be,**

**Ye ho we go across the sea,**

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2. *Solist: The boatswain pipes the watch below ye ho,*

**Koor: ye ho lads ho, ye ho lads ho,**

*Solist: then here's a health before we go ye ho,*

**Koor: ye ho lads ho, ye ho.**

*Solist: Along, long life to my sweet wife and mates at sea,  
And keep our bones from Davy Jones where ever we be,  
And may you meet a mate as sweet as Nancy Lee,  
Ye ho lads ho, ye ho.*

**Refrein:**

3. *Solist: The harbour's past, the breezes blow ye ho,*

**Koor: ye ho lads ho, ye ho lads ho,**

*Solist: It's long ere we come back you know ye ho.*

**Koor: ye ho lads ho, ye ho.**

*Solist: But true and bright from morn till night my wife will be,  
My home so neat and snug and sweet for Jack at sea,  
And Nancy's face to bless the place and welcome me  
Ye ho lads ho, ye ho.*

**Refrein:**