

The George Elmy

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(The Seaham Lifeboat Disaster)

(chorus)

Man - y tears were shed when the ship went down Those
souls were cast on the sea for to drown But we'll
sing a-bout her name and we'll glor-y in her fame though she found-ed on a rag - ing sea But we'll
rise her up Set her right a - noth - er lick of paint so she's
clean and bright and we'll caulk her up so she's wat - er tight And we''
sing ab-out the George El - my Oh, yes we'll sing ab-out the George El - my Twas

(verse)

nine - teen hund - red and six - ty two A terr - i - ble tale I'll__ tell to you A
tale of her - oes brave and bold and a fight on the Great North Sea A
life - boat on the Sigh Sea tossed A batt-le was fought A batt-le was lost And the
life - boat men all paid the cost And they called her the George El - my

Chorus: Many tears were shed when the ship went down
Those souls were cast on the sea for to drown
But we'll sing about her name, and we'll glory in her fame
Though she foundered on a raging sea
And we'll rise her up - set her right
Another lick of paint so she's clean and bright
Then we'll caulk her up so she's water-tight
And we'll sing about the George Elmy
Oh, yes, we'll sing about the *George Elmy*

1 'Twas nineteen hundred and sixty two
A terrible tale I'll tell to you
A tale of heroes, brave and bold
 And a fight on the *Great North Sea*
A lifeboat on the *High Sea* tossed
A battle was fought, a battle was lost
And the lifeboat men all paid the cost
 And they called her the *George Elmy* Chorus

2 They launched the lifeboat - the *George Elmy*
To rescue the *coble Economy*
Donald and David, *Gordon, George* and
 Joe were taken on board
But the lifeboat with a crew so brave
She was over-turned by a monstrous wave
No mortal hand those men could save
 We commend them to the Lord Chorus

3 Cox'n Jack, and the second man Fred
Along with James, they're all now dead
With Leonard and Arthur (the first reserve)
 They fought the raging sea
And the fisher-boat crew, a crew of five
There was only one man to survive
Only one man to the shore alive
 On the up-turned *George Elmy* Chorus

4 Many years have passed since that fateful day
Computers now have a part to play
I've seen today - upon Ebay
 'For Sale - the *George Elmy*'
Yes, The *George Elmy*, she has been found
On dry land now she's safe and sound
It'll only cost you a thousand pound
 But we'll bring her back home - you'll see

Chorus:

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