



ACTIVITY SHEET

Bonnie Ship the Diamond

Lyrics

V1. Oh the Diamond is a ship, my lads,
for the Davis Strait she's bound,
and the quay it is all garnished
with bonny lasses 'round.

Captain Thomson gives the order
to sail the ocean wide.

Where the sun it never sets, my boys,
nor darkness dims the sky.

Chorus (after each verse):

**And it's cheer up my lads,
let your hearts never fail.**

**When the bonny ship, the Diamond,
goes a-huntin' for the whale**

V2. Along the quay at Peterheid,
the lasses stand around.

Wi their shawls a' pulled about them
and the saut tears running doon.

Don't you weep, my bonny lass,
though you be left behind.

For the rose will grow on Greenland's snow
before I change my mind

V3. Here's health to the Resolution,
likewise the Eliza Swan.

Here's a health to the Rattler of Montrose
and the Diamond, ship o' fame.

We wear the troosers o' the white,
an' the jeckets of the blue.

When we return to Peterheid,
we'll have sweethearts anoo.

V4. Oh, it'll be bricht baith day and nicht
when the Greenland lads come hame.

With a ship that's full of oil, my boys,
and money tae oor name

We'll mak' the cradles for to rock
and the blankets for to tear

And every lass in Peterheid sing,
"Hushabye, my dear"

Activity 1

Can you name all the ships mentioned in this song?

Are there any Scots words in the song you haven't heard of before? If so, can you find out what they mean?



Activity 2

Draw a picture of what you think the bonnie ship The Diamond looked like. Maybe you could also include some of the animals you might find out at sea.



Activity 3

Write a shopping list of all the different things fishermen might catch today.



Activity 4

Sing through the song again with Bob and imagine you are out sailing on The Diamond!



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