

# 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 home.

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"

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZXA3lkzpEs>



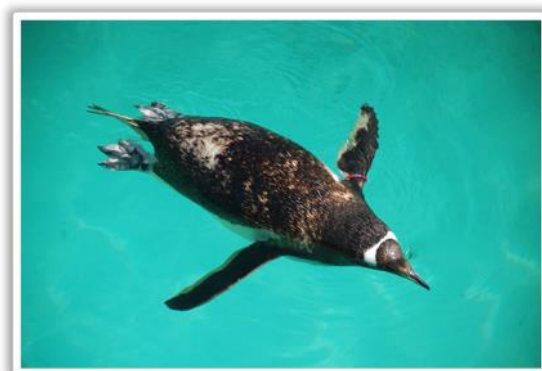
## Activity 1

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

