Roy Neil

As sung by
Winifred Bundy
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Verse 1.
They sailed away in a gallant ship,
Roy Neil and his fair young bride.
And they answered their hope in the [Blunding May]
As it sailed o'er the silvery tide.
Their hearts were light and their spirits gay
As they dashed their tears away.
And they watched the shore recede from sight
Of their own dear Dublin bay.

Verse 2.
Three days they sailed, and a storm arose
And the lightning swept the deep.
And a thunder's clash broke the short repose
Of the weary seaman's sleep.
Roy Neil, he clasped his weeping bride
And he kissed her tears away.
"Ah, love, 'twas a fatal hour," she cried,
"When we left dear Dublin bay."

Verse 3.
On the crowded deck of that doomed ship
Some stood in their wild despair,
And others more calm with a hopeful trust
Sought the help of their God in prayer.
"She's struck on a rock" the seamen cried
In the midst of their wild dismay,
And the ship went down and the fair young bride
That sailed from Dublin bay.
Critical Commentary

HST notes:
In the Professional Papers series:
Winifred Bundy. Mother sang in her girlhood - mother would be 90 now.

Editor's notes:
Randolph writes that it was "common in songbooks and sheet-music about 1890"; a 1902 publication (Songs We Love by D.H. Morrison) credited Crawford for the words and Barker for the music (Randolph 142).

Alternate titles/related songs: "Dublin Bay."

Sources:

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