

Strike Up the Band

As sung by
Noble B. Brown

Originally in E
11-17-1946 Millford, WI

Strike up — the band, here comes a sail-or. Cash in — his hand, just off — a whal-er.

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Stand in a row, don't you let him go, for Jack's a cinch, he's eve-ry inch a sail - or

The musical score is written on two staves in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody, and the second staff contains the next four measures, starting with a measure rest. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with several triplet markings over the eighth notes in the second staff.

Lyrics

Strike up the band,
Here comes a sailor.
Cash in his hand,
Just off a whaler.
Stand in a row,
Don't you let him go,
For Jack's a cinch, he's every inch a sailor.

Critical Commentary

HST notes:

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Noble B. Brown. A whaler's song. Sung in part. Sounds like a popular song that was popular with sailors.

Sources:

Wilson, Don, arr. *Sigmund Spaeth's Song Session: Community Song Book*. New York: Remick Music; Warner Bros., c1958.

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