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# FIRE DOWN BELOW

Verse 1: Traditional  
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Sea Chantey  
Arranged by JAY ALTHOUSE

Brightly (♩. = ca. 116)

2 3 4

5 6 7 8 *mf* 9

There's fire up a -  
fire on the

10 11 12 13

loft; there's fire down be - low. Fire in the  
til - ler, fire on the mast. Fire on the

14 15 16 1. 17 2. *f*

gal - ley, the cook, he did - n't know. There's  
dodg - er so hold the main - s'l fast. Yo

For a glossary of the nautical terms used in this song, see page 2.

18 19 20 21

ho! Yo ho! There's fire down be - low. So

22 23 24 25

fetch a buck-et of wa - ter, boys, there's fire down be - low.

26 27 28 29 30

There's fire in the  
fire on the

31 32 33 34

lock - er, fire on the sole. Fire in the  
stay - s'l, bet - ter take a look. Fire in the

35                      36                      37                      38

1.                      2.                      *f*

laz - a - rette, and up a - head's a shoal.                      There's  
fo'c' - s'l, so sail - or drop the                      hook.                      Yo

39                      40                      41                      42

ho!                      Yo ho!                      There's fire down be - low.                      So

43                      44                      45                      46

fetch a buck - et of wa - ter, boys, there's fire down be - low.

47                      48                      49                      50

*mf*                      *mf*                      *mf*                      *mf*

There's

51 52 53 54

fire on the miz - zen, — fire on the boom.  
 fire in the rig - ging, — fire on the yard.

55 56 57 58 1.

keep the can - vas wet, my boys, and live — to be a groom. There's  
 cook, he jumped clear off the deck with twen-ty - five pounds of

59 2. f 60 61 62 63

lard. Yo ho! Yo ho! There's fire down be - low. So

64 65 66 67

fetch a buck - et of wa - ter, boys, there's fire down be - low.

★ 1:30



68 69 70 71 *f*

There's

72 73 74 75

fire in the jen - ny, fire in the bunk. Un -

76 77 78 79

less we keep an e - ven keel this ship is sure - ly sunk. There's

80 81 82 83

fire on the pul - pit, but

84 85 86 87

that's not what I dread. T

88 89 90 91

on - ly fire — that I fear — is

92 93 94 95

fire in the head. Yo ho! Yo ho! There's

96 97 98 99

fire down be - low. So fetch a buck-et of wa - ter, boys, there's

100 101 102 103

fire down be - low. Yo wa - ter, boys,

104 105 *cresc.* 106 107 108

there's fire down be -

109 *ff* 110 111 2 112

low. Yo ho!

*ff* 8vb

