

The Roving Kind



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Moderately, with a lilt

Piano

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of eighth notes, while the left hand plays a steady bass line. The tempo is marked 'Moderately, with a lilt'.

Refrain



She had a dark and a rov - ing - eye, — And her hair hung down in ring - a - lets. — She was a

The first line of the refrain is written for voice and piano. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.



nice girl, a prop - er girl but one of The Rov - ing Kind.

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and piano accompaniment, ending with a final chord.

Verse



1. As I cruised out one e - ven - ing up - on a night's ca - reer, — I
2. ("Oh, par - don me," she says to me, "for be - ing out so late, — But
3. (I) took her for some fish and chips and treat - ed her so fine. — And
4. (So) come all - you good sail - or - men who sail the win - t'ry sea, — And

The verse is written for voice and piano. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody. The tempo is marked 'mp'.

* Tune Ukulele

A D F# B

G C#dim7 D7 Am7 D7

spied a loft-y clip-per ship and to her I did steer. — I
 if my par-ents heard of this, oh, sad would be my fate. — My
 hard-ly did I re-al-ize she was the rov-ing kind. — I
 come all you ap-pren-tice lads, a warn-ing take from me: — Be -

G E7 Am

hist-ed out my sig-a-nals, which she so quick-ly knew And —
 fa-ther is in pol-i-tics, a good and right-eous man. My —
 kissed her lips, I missed her lips, and found to my sur-prise She was
 ware of loft-y clip-per ships, they'll be the ruin of you, For 'twas

Cm D7 G E7+ E7 A7 D7 Am7 D7

when she saw my bunt-ing fly she im-me-diate-ly hove to. —
 moth-er is an ac-ro-bat, and I do the best I can? —
 noth-ing but a pi-rate ship rigged — up in a dis-guise. —
 there she made me walk the plank, and — pushed me un-der, too. —

Refrain
 Tacet

G Am7 G A7 A7₅ D7

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mf a tempo

G D7 G C Cm D7

nice girl, a prop-er girl but one of The Rov-ing Kind. 2. "Oh, Kind.
 3. I
 4. So

1. 2. 3. to Verse Fine
 G D7 G