

Strike The Bell

Traditional.

This version based on Bernard Wrigley's 1974 "Rough and Wrigley" album.

4 / 4 Time. Intro: **[G] [G7] [C]**

[C] Up on the poop deck, **[F]** walking all a-bout,
[C] There stands the 2nd mate, so **[G]** sturdy and so **[G7]** stout.
[C] What he is a'thinking of, he **[F]** doesn't know him-**[D]**-self,
But we **[G]** wish that he would **[G7]** hurry up and **[C]** strike, strike the bell.

Chorus

***[G]** Strike the bell 2nd mate and **[C]** let us go below,
[F] Look you well to windward, you can **[C]** see its going to **[G]** blow.
[C] Looking at the glass, you can **[F]** see how much it's **[D]** fell,
And we **[G]** wish that you would **[G7]** hurry up and **[C]** strike, strike the bell.*

[C] Down on the main deck, **[F]** working on the pumps,
[C] There's the poor old larboard watch **[G]** wishing for their **[G7]** bunks,
[C] Looking out to windward you can **[F]** see a mighty **[D]** swell,
And we **[G]** wish the mate would **[G7]** hurry up and **[C]** strike, strike the bell. ---Chorus

[C] Down in the wheelhouse, Old **[F]** Anderson he stands,
[C] Clutching at the wheel with his **[G]** frost-bitten hands.
[C] Looking at the compass, but the **[F]** course is clear as **[D]** hell,
And he's **[G]** wishing you would **[G7]** hurry up and **[C]** strike, strike the bell. -----Chorus

[C] Down in his cabin our **[F]** gallant captain stands,
[C] At the transom window with his spyglass in his **[G]** hands.
[C] What he is a-thinking of, we **[F]** all know very **[D]** well,
He's **[G]** thinking more of **[G7]** shortening sail than **[C]** strik-ing the bell. -----Chorus

