

# Jolly Rogers - Numbers

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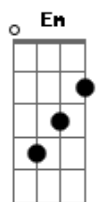
Intro: **Em** **G** **D** **Em**

**Em** **G**  
Sixty set out from Cambridge all good men and true  
**D** **Em**  
On a gunship bound for glory with a young and wild crew  
**C** **G**  
We'd charge in, make our stand, and we'd see victory  
**C** **Bm**  
But when we'd won our first battle there were only fifty-three  
**Em** **G**  
More died from infection despite the surgeon's tricks  
**D** **Em**  
That brought our bold and fearless crew down to forty-six  
**C** **G**  
We then sailed away thinking we had seen the worst  
**C** **Bm**  
But we steered her back around when we heard a cannon's burst  
**C** **G**  
Second fight that day and our luck was fading fast  
**Am** **G** **F**  
Though we stayed afloat we'd lost most of our main mast  
**C** **Am**  
We were now adrift and very glad to be alive  
**G** **Bm**  
Though I must admit our crew was now down to thirty-five  
**Em** **G**  
Most of the food was ruined from the salt sea down below  
**D** **Em**  
But we didn't fear 'til the water started running low  
**C** **G**  
With our bold and hardy crew just a fortnight out to sea  
**C** **Bm**  
The cruel sea had taken twelve and we were twenty-three  
**Em** **G**  
Four more days had passed when we caught sight of a gale  
**D** **Em**  
We were sucking rain from the rags that used to be our sail  
**C** **G**  
Another week adrift was the worst sight ever seen  
**C** **Bm**

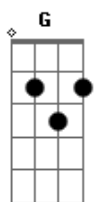
Our beleaguered crew was now down to just seventeen

**C** **G**  
The first mate started screaming and set the deck alight  
**Am** **G** **F**  
We tried to restrain him but we had a madman's fight  
**C** **Am**  
When we stopped him he'd just hum: It'll all be fine  
**G** **Bm**  
But by then our battered crew was no more than nine  
**Em** **G**  
From nine we went to seven, from seven down to three  
**D** **Em**  
The cabin boy, the carpenter and the boson, that was me  
**C** **G**  
We all sat there on the deck, though none of us could speak  
**C** **Bm**  
We should be keeping watch but we were all too weak  
**Em** **G**  
The cabin boy was curled up in a corner all alone  
**D** **Em**  
The carpenter was muttering and gnawing on a bone  
**C** **G**  
I just kept on laughing, cause I knew I'd lost my grip  
**C** **Bm**  
As we were taken one by one to the rescue ship  
**C** **G**  
Never go to sea, me boys, never leave the land  
**Am** **G** **F**  
For once you're out to sea it doesn't matter what you planned  
**C** **Am**  
Your life lies in the mercy of the sea heartless and cruel  
**G** **Bm**  
So you'll stay ashore unless you truly are a fool  
**Em** **G**  
Though three survived that awful trip I'm the last one of my crew  
**D** **Em**  
The others locked in their own minds, their voyage never through  
**C** **G**  
So listen to me lads before you take your hellish trip  
**C** **Bm** **G** **Em**  
Man belongs upon the ground, not on some Goddamn ship

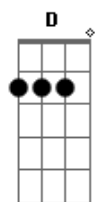
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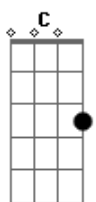
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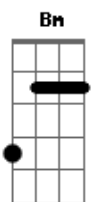
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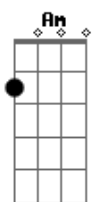
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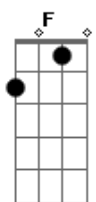
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