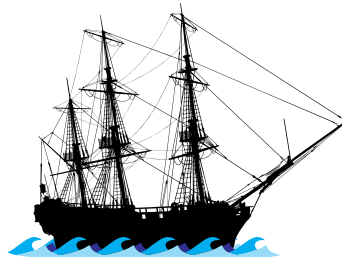




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RCM Sparks Spring Sing

Exploring a Sea Shanty: Away Santiana

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Away Santiana is a famous and popular sea shanty that is sung all over the British Isles. A sea shanty is a type of work song that was once commonly sung to accompany work on board large merchant sailing ships – a maritime work song. A sea shanty typically has a Caller who sings a few lines as a solo and then the audience or the rest of the ensemble answer them.

Using the accompanying resources listen to the song.


Explore

- What can you find out about the song Santiana?
- Who or what was Santiana?
- Where did the ship sail to and from?
- How long did the journey take?
- Who went on the journey?

Get crafty

Using recycling in your house, can you make a boat? Can you make it waterproof and can it float?

Please tweet your photos to

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Perform

Using the accompanying resources:

1. Learn the song. There is a printable melody line and a lyric sheet.
2. Use your instrument and experiment playing along to the vocal line. Use the suggested chords to create your own version.

Listen

Search You Tube for the following versions for inspiration:

The Longest Johns (A capella)
The Young'Uns (A capella)
Primrose Primary School Choir
Alaw (Welsh folk band)