

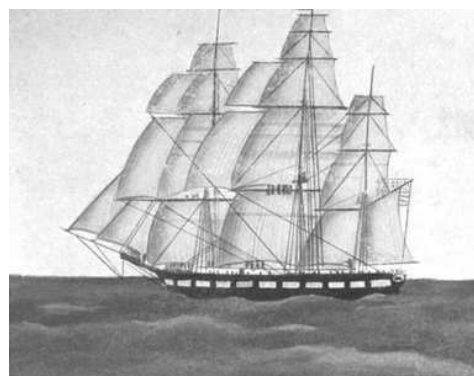
A life on the ocean wave

Epes Sargent (1813-1880)

Henry Russell (1812-1900)

Epes Sargent was inspired by a visit to The Battery, New York City, and wrote a poem, for which Henry Russell then wrote the tune.

The song is used by the United States Marine Academy as its official march.



*Version: Leadsheet with added chord symbols and lyrics.
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D7 G *D7*

A life on the oc - ean wave! A home on the roll ing deep! Where the

6 *G*

scatt - ered wat - ers rave and the winds their rev els keep. Like an

10 *C B7 C B7*

eag - le caged I pine on this dull un - chang - ing shore, Oh

14 *E7 Am D* Chorus

give me the flash - ing brine, The spray and the temp - est's ro - ar. A

18 *G D7*

life on the oc - ean wave! A home on the roll - ing deep! Where the

22 *G*

scatt - ered wat - ers rave, And the winds their rev els keep. The

26 *D7 G D7 G D7*

winds, the winds the winds their rev - els keep, The winds, the

31 *G D7 G C G C G C G*

winds, the winds their rev - els keep!

A life on the ocean wave

*A life on the ocean wave!
A home on the rolling deep!
Where the scattered waters rave
And the winds their revels keep.
Like an eagle caged I pine
On this dull unchanging shore,
Oh, give me the flashing brine
The spray and the tempest's roar.*

Chorus

*A life on the ocean wave!
A home on the rolling deep!
Where the scattered waters rave
And the winds their revels keep.
The winds, the winds, the winds their revels keep.
The winds, the winds, the winds their revels keep.*

*Once more on the deck I stand
Of my own swift gliding craft,
Set sail, farewell to the land,
The gale follows fair abaft.
We shoot through the sparkling foam
Like an ocean bird set free,
Like the ocean bird, our home
We'll find far out on the sea!*

Chorus

*The land is no longer in view
The clouds have begun to frown
But with a stout vessel and crew,
We'll say, let the storm come down!
And the song of our heart shall be
While the winds and waters rave,
A life on the heaving sea!
A home on the bounding wave!*

Chorus