

1. Johnny Todd he took a notion
For to cross the ocean wide,
And he left his love behind him,
Weeping on the Liverpool Side.
2. For a week she wept full sorely,
Tore her hair and wrung her hands,
'Til she met another sailor,
Walking on the Liverpool sands.
3. "Why fair maid, are you a-weeping
For your Johnny-gone-to-sea?
If you wed with me tomorrow
I will kind and constant be.
4. "I will buy you sheets and blankets,
I'll buy you a wedding ring,
You shall have a gilded cradle
For to rock your baby in."
5. Johnny Todd came home from sailing,
Sailing on the ocean wide,
For to find his fair and false one
Was another sailor's bride.
6. All young men who go a-sailing
Or to fight the foreign foe,
Never leave your love like Johnny -
Marry her before you go!



Howells, Chris, 2005 : Port of Liverpool Building
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Notes:

Alternative Titles: Johnny Todd, the Everton Football Club tune or the theme from Z-Cars.

Read more about this at
theguideliverpool.com/the-story-behind-everton-football-club-and-the-z-cars-anthem/

Available on CD: **Seascape**, by **Hughie Jones**.
Listen to Hughie at youtu.be/Vlc5k7KuOqE
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Kidson, Frank, 1891, *A collection of traditional tunes:*

Johnny Todd is a child's rhyme and game, heard and seen played by Liverpool children. The air is somewhat pleasing, and the words appear old, though some blanks caused by the reciter's memory have had to be filled up.

It is a ring game, a circle with one person in the centre who then chooses the next to go in the centre.)

The song has been taken up by [Everton Football Club](#).

Notes on the words

Liverpool side - the Liverpool side (right bank) of the Mersey, not the Birkenhead side.

