[Verse 1]

**G**

My father often told me, when I was just a lad,

 **A** **D**

A sailor's life was very hard, the food was always bad;

**G**

But now I've joined the navy, I'm on board a man-o-war,

 **A** **D** **G**

And now I find a sailor ain't a sailor any more!

[Chorus]

 **G**

Don't haul on the rope, don't climb up the mast,

**A** **D**

If you see a sailing ship, it might be your last;

**G**

Get your civvies ready for another run ashore,

**G** **A** **D** **G**

A sailor ain't a sailor, ain't a sailor any more!

[Verse 2]

 **G**

The 'killick' of our mess, he says we've had it soft,

 **G** **A** **D**

It wasn't like this in his day, when he was up aloft;

**G**

We like our bunks and sleeping bags, but what's a hammock for?

**G** **A** **D** **G**

Swinging from the deckhead, or lying on the floor?

[Chorus]

 **G**

Don't haul on the rope, don't climb up the mast,

**A** **D**

If you see a sailing ship, it might be your last;

**G**

Get your civvies ready for another run ashore,

 **A** **D** **G**

A sailor ain't a sailor, ain't a sailor any more!

[Verse 3]

 **G** **G**

They gave us an engine that first went up and down,

**G** **A** **D**

Then with more technology the engine went around;

 **G**

We're good with steam and diesel, but what's a mainyard for?

 **A** **D** **G**

A stoker ain't a stoker with a shovel any more!

[Chorus]

 **G**

Don't haul on the rope, don't climb up the mast,

**A** **D**

If you see a sailing ship, it might be your last;

**G**

Get your civvies ready for another run ashore,

**G** **A** **D** **G**

A sailor ain't a sailor, ain't a sailor any more!

[Verse 4]

 **G**

They gave us an Aldis Lamp, we can do it right,

**G** **A** **D**

They gave us a radio, we signal day and night;

**G**

We know our codes and ciphers, but what's a 'sema' for?

 **A** **D** **G**

A 'bunting-tosser' doesn't toss the bunting any more!

[Chorus]

 **G**

Don't haul on the rope, don't climb up the mast,

**A** **D**

If you see a sailing ship, it might be your last;

**G**

Get your civvies ready for another run ashore,

**G** **A** **D** **G**

A sailor ain't a sailor, ain't a sailor any more!

[Verse 5]

 **G**

They gave us a radar set to pierce the fog and gloom,

 **A** **D**

So now the lookout's sitting in a tiny darkened room;

**G**

Loran does navigation, the Sonar says how deep,

 **A** **D** **G**

The Jimmy's three sheets to the wind, the Skipper's fast asleep.

[Chorus]

 **G**

Don't haul on the rope, don't climb up the mast,

**A** **D**

If you see a sailing ship, it might be your last;

**G**

Get your civvies ready for another run ashore,

**G** **A** **D** **G**

A sailor ain't a sailor, ain't a sailor any more!

[Verse 6]

**G**

Two cans of beer a day, that's your bleeding lot!

**A** **D**

But now we get an extra one because they stopped the tot;

**G**

So, we'll put on our civvy-clothes and find a pub ashore,

 **A** **D** **G**

A sailor's still a sailor, just like he was before!

[Chorus]

 **G**

Don't haul on the rope, don't climb up the mast,

**A** **D**

If you see a sailing ship, it might be your last;

**G**

Get your civvies ready for another run ashore,

**G** **A** **D** **G**

A sailor ain't a sailor, ain't a sailor any more!