

## Blackbeard, Bluebeard and Redbeard

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Dm

Dm Am C Gm  
Blackbeard and Bluebeard and Redbeard, they say  
Bb C Am A7  
Hijacked a ship and went sailing away  
Dm Am C Gm  
Seaward they scudded and skipped on the breeze  
Bb C A7 Dm  
But couldn't find treasure to plunder and seize

And a pirate without treasure is like a monkey  
without a spatula...

So Bluebeard said, "Since we've nothing to do  
Why don't we paint our new pirate ship blue?  
Blue for the poop deck. Blue for the sails  
Blue for the rudder, the riggings and the rails."

F C  
And he sang, "Yo ho ho, let's paint the ship blue  
Bb C Am A7  
No other color's as trusty and true  
Dm Am C Gm  
As sure as I sail by the Northern star,  
Bb C Dm Dm  
blue's the most beautiful color. Arrrr!"

Redbeard spoke up, saying, "Aye, but instead  
wouldn't ye rather we painted her red?  
Red for the cannons and the sodey-pop kegs  
Red for our eye-patches, parrots and pegs."  
(Parrot) Rawk! Pegleg.

And he sang, "Yo ho ho, nothing's quite like red  
It's fearsome and fiery and fills men with dread  
As sure as I sail by the Northern star,  
red's the most radiant color. Arrr!"

"Blackbeard said, "Blimey! You're both off the track.  
Let's paint it something more handsome, like black."  
"Blue!" shouted Bluebeard, and Redbeard yelled,  
"Red!"  
Blackbeard said, "Black! Are you cracked in the  
head?"

And he sang, "Yo ho ho, give me deep, dark black  
from starboard to port, from the front to the back.  
As sure as I sail by the Northern star,  
black's a spectacular color. Arrr!"

Ebm Bbm Dd Abm  
Redbeard grabbed brushes and buckets and paints  
B Db Bbm Bb7  
Over his shipmates insistent complaints.  
Ebm Bbm Db Abm  
Rather than letting him paint the ship red,  
B Db Bb7 Ebm  
They got some blue paint and black paint instead.

Em Bm D Am  
Swiftly the three of them painted their boat,  
C D Bm B7  
each a completely dissimilar coat,  
Em Bm D Am  
Making a color not red, black or blue;  
C D B7 Em  
Mixing, instead, an entirely new hue.

Fm Cm Eb Bbm  
That was the last that was seen of the three  
Db Eb Cm C7  
Simply because they refused to agree.  
Fm Cm Eb Bbm  
They weren't torpedoed or shelled or harpooned.  
Db Eb C7 Fm  
They just disappeared, for their ship was marooned.

And sometimes on a foggy night at sea,  
you can still hear them singin'...

Ab Eb  
"Yo ho ho and a bottle of pop  
Db Eb Cm C7  
We painted our ship from the bottom to the top.  
Fm Cm Eb Bbm  
As sure as we sail by the Northern star  
Db

(Bluebeard) Blue's the most beautiful...  
(Redbeard) No! Red's the most radiant!

Eb  
(Blackbeard) What? Black's the most spectacular  
color!

(Parrot) Rawk. How about yellow?

Fm  
(Blackbeard, Bluebeard and Redbeard) Arrrr!"

