

NELSONS BLOOD II

Oh, a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm
Oh, a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm
Oh, a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm
And we'll all hang on behind...

CHORUS

Come on and **Ro-o-oll (the old chariot along!)**
We'll ro-o-oll (the old chariot along!)
We'll ro-o-oll (the old chariot along!)
And we'll all hang on behind!

We'd be all-right if the wind was in our sails
We'd be all-right if the wind was in our sails
We'd be all-right if the wind was in our sails
And we'll all hang on behind...

CHORUS

Well a night on the town wouldn't do us any harm
Well a night on the town wouldn't do us any harm
Well a night on the town wouldn't do us any harm
And we'll all hang on behind...

CHORUS

We'd be alright if we make it round the Horn
We'd be alright if we make it round the Horn
We'd be alright if we make it round the Horn
And we'll all hang on behind...

CHORUS

We'll be all right when the skipper's in his grave
We'll be all right when the skipper's in his grave
We'll be all right when the skipper's in his grave
And we'll all hang on behind...

CHORUS

Well a drop of SteamTown ale wouldn't do us any harm
Well a drop of SteamTown ale wouldn't do us any harm
Well a drop of SteamTown ale wouldn't do us any harm
And we'll all hang on behind...

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Background

When Nelson was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 a cask of brandy, or rum, was used to preserve the body until he reached Britain.

However, the story goes that when Nelson finally reached English shores there was no brandy or rum left in his casket as the sailors had drilled a hole into it - and drunk the lot.

From then on brandy and rum became known as 'Nelson's blood'.....
..... or at least that's how one of the many stories go.

There are possible older origins from the West Indies – the “chariot” is the sailing ship and believed to be the focus of the song prior to Nelson’s demise. It is also believed that “rolling the chariot along” may make reference to the missionaries rolling Christianity out across the conquered world!