The One And All



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For Keith Conlon, ABC Radio Adelaide. For the crew, past and present
(including Saul Drummond), of 'The One and All'
Dateline: Port Adelaide

Tell me Captain is it true
they built a road up to Wallaroo?
A highway into Lincoln too
through Cowell and Arno Bay?
Is this the prize the truckies caught
while the ketches stayed in the Port?
It's gonna a funny sort of life for the sailors now.

Chorus: But they'll look back at how it's been whilever there's a sail to run against the wind while there's an ocean under the keel and the ship stands tall there'll always be a place for the 'One and All'

And tell me Captain would you say
the pride of the fleet has ebbed away
with 'The Robertson' wrecked in Hardwick Bay
and the 'One and All' in strife
It's funny how the Port looks now
All full of steel and diesel power
gone the ketches' finest hour
and the song of the mariners' lives.

Chorus:

And in the shallows off the reach
the tide of change is turning
For it's the memories we keep that drive us on
So Captain can you tell me could it be
That we'll sail into history
The traders, you and me
And the 'One and All'

So tell me Captain should we sail away one more time down to Stenhouse Bay or should we pack the charts away and tell the crew that the fleet has gone From the blood and the sweat of the Gulf country to the thunder of the Southern Sea This is South Australia to me and the memories will live long

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