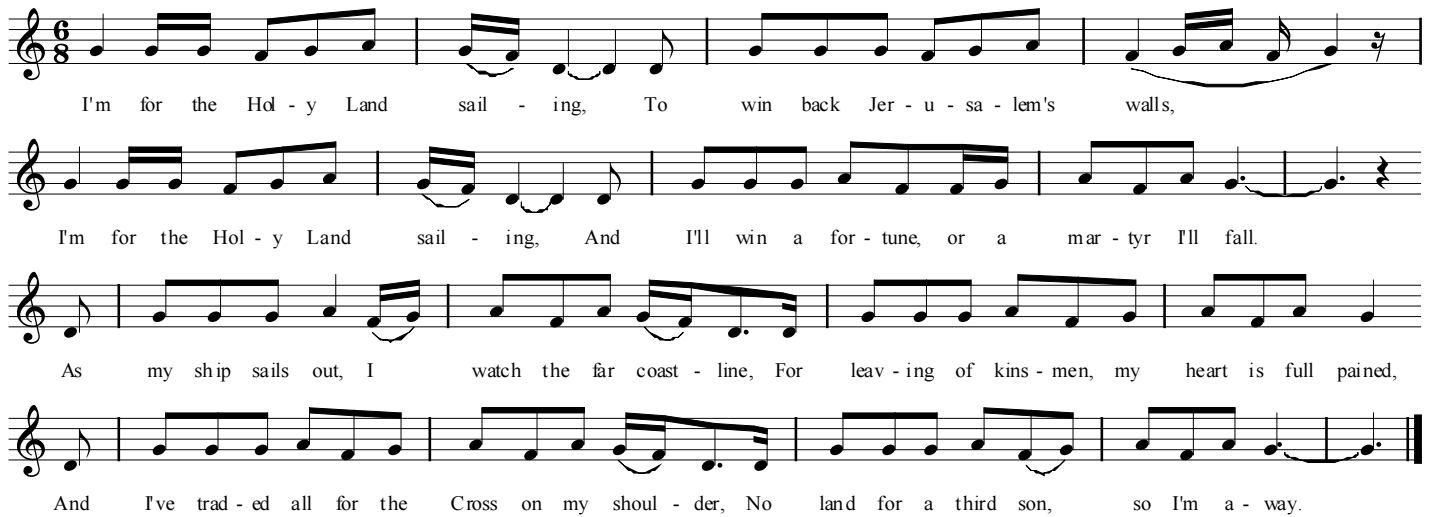


# Crusader's Song

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I'm for the Hol - y Land sail - ing, To win back Jer - u - sa - lem's walls,  
I'm for the Hol - y Land sail - ing, And I'll win a for - tune, or a mar - tyr I'll fall.  
As my ship sails out, I watch the far coast - line, For leav - ing of kins - men, my heart is full pained,  
And I've trad - ed all for the Cross on my shoul - der, No land for a third son, so I'm a - way.

*I'm for the Holy Land sailing,  
To win back Jerusalem's walls,  
I'm for the Holy Land sailing,  
And I'll win a fortune, or a martyr I'll fall.*

As my ship sails out, I watch the far coastline,  
For leaving of kinsmen my heart is full pained,  
And I've traded all for the Cross on my shoulder,  
No land for a third son, so I'm away.

*Chorus*

As I look around me at the men on the benches,  
Their eyes are like mine, so I know their hearts' pain,  
I sing them a song of bravery and battle,  
And now their eyes shine like their keen polished blades.

*Chorus*

At landfall in Cypress they refused Barengaria,  
And Richard in anger has answered in steel,  
Now the Crown of Cypress he's added to England's,  
And I've added Knighthood's gold spurs to my heels.

*Chorus*

I followed the banner to battle at Acre,  
And held it aloft when it's bearer was slain,  
Now we've given Richard a tower of the city,  
He's given me rank, and a full captain's pay.

*Chorus*

At Arsouf on the coastline we met with the Paynim,  
We won the battle, though many men fell,  
And one was a baron with lands that need tending,  
Now they are mine, and I'll tend them well.

*Chorus*

Now I sit in court over Christian and Moslem,  
And I've a strong keep and soldiers ten score,  
And King Richard's army he's sailed back to England,  
And I've said farewell, for I'll see them ne'er more.

*You See,*

*I'm in the Holy Land staying,  
To guard my own castle walls.  
I'm in the Holy Land staying,  
And I've won my fortune, so farewell to all!*