

# Matelot

## Bobby Short

Jean Louis Dominic Pierre Bouchon,  
True to the breed that that bore him,  
Answered the call that held in thrall  
His father's heart before him.

Jean Louis Dominic sailed away  
Further than love could find him  
Yet through the night he heard a light  
And gentle voice behind him say:

Matelot, Matelot,  
Where you go my thoughts go with you  
Matelot, Matelot,  
When you go down to the sea

As you gaze from afar on the evening star  
Wherever you may roam  
You will remember the light through the winter night  
That guides you safely home.

Though you find womenkind to be frail,  
One love cannot fail, my son,  
'Til our days are done....

Matelot, Matelot,  
Where you go my thoughts go with you  
Matelot, Matelot,  
When you go down to the sea.

Jean Louis Dominic Pierre Bouchon  
Journeyed the wide world over  
Lips that he kissed could not resist  
This loving roving rover.

Jean Louis Dominic, right or wrong,  
Ever pursued a new love  
Till in his brain, there beat a strain  
He knew to be his true love song:

Matelot, Matelot,

Where you go my heart goes with you  
    Matelot, Matelot,  
    When you go down to the sea

For a year and a day you may sail away  
    And have no thought of me,  
Yet through the wind and the spray you will hear me say  
    No love was ever free.

You will sigh when horizons are clear,  
    Something that is dear to me  
    Cannot let me be,

    Matelot, Matelot,  
Where you go my heart goes with you  
    Matelot, Matelot  
    When you go down to the sea.

    Matelot, Matelot,  
Where you go my heart will follow  
    Matelot, Matelot,  
    When you go down to the sea

When there's grief in the sky and the waves ride high  
    My heart to yours will say  
You may be sure that I'm true to my love for you  
    Though half the world away.

Never mind if you find other charms,  
    Here within my arms you'll sleep,  
    Sailor from the deep....

    Matelot, Matelot,  
Where you go my heart will follow  
    Matelot, Matelot,  
    When you go down to the sea

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