

A Sailor Went to Sea

Traditional Folk Song Lyrics and Sound Clip

**A sailor went to sea, sea, sea.
To see what he could see, see, see.
But all that he could see, see, see.
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea!**

**A sailor went to say, say, say.
To see what he could say, say, say.
But all that he could say, say, say.
Was the bottom of the deep blue say, say, say!**

**A sailor went to sigh, sigh, sigh.
To see what he could sigh, sigh, sigh.
But all that he could sigh, sigh, sigh.
Was the bottom of the deep blue sigh, sigh, sigh!**

**A sailor went to so, so, so.
To see what he could so, so, so.
But all that he could so, so, so.
Was the bottom of the deep blue so, so, so.**

**A sailor went to soo, soo, soo.
To see what he could soo, soo, soo.
But all that he could soo, soo, soo.
Was the bottom of the deep blue soo, soo, soo.**

**A sailor went to sea, sea, sea.
To see what he could see, see, see.
But all that he could see, see, see.
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea!**

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,
To see what he could see, see, see.
But all that he could see, see, see
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

A sailor went to chop, chop, chop,
To see what he could chop, chop, chop.
But all that he could chop, chop, chop
Was the bottom of the deep blue chop, chop, chop.
Sea, sea, sea.

A sailor went to knee, knee, knee,
To see what he could knee, knee, knee,
But all that he could knee, knee, knee,
Was the bottom of the deep blue knee, knee, knee.

Chop, chop, chop.
Sea, sea, sea.

A sailor went to snap, snap, snap,
To see what he could snap, snap, snap.
But all that he could snap, snap, snap
Was the bottom of the deep blue snap, snap, snap.
Knee, knee, knee.
chop, chop, chopp.
Sea, sea, sea.

A sailor went to jump, jump, jump,
To see what he could jump, jump, jump.
But all that he could jump, jump, jump
Was the bottom of the deep blue jump, jump, jump.
Snap, snap, snap.
Knee, knee, knee.
chop, chop, chop.
Sea, sea, sea.

A Sailor Went to Sea (Australian Version)

Action Song

1. A sailor went to sea, sea, sea
To see what he could see, see, see,
But all that he could see, see, see
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

2. A sailor went to chop, chop, chop
To see what he could chop, chop, chop,
But all that he could chop, chop, chop
Was the bottom of the deep blue chop, chop, chop.

3. A sailor went to knee, knee, knee
To see what he could knee, knee, knee,
But all that he could knee, knee, knee
Was the bottom of the deep blue knee, knee, knee.

4. A sailor went to toe, toe, toe
To see what he could toe, toe, toe,
But all that he could toe, toe, toe
Was the bottom of the deep blue toe, toe, toe.

5. A sailor went to Timbuktu

To see what he could Timbuku,
But all that he could Timbuku
Was the bottom of the deep blue Timbuku.

6. A sailor went to sea, chop, knee, toe, Timbuku
To see what he could sea, chop, knee, toe, Timbuku,
That all that he could sea, chop, knee, toe, Timbuku
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, chop, knee, toe, Timbuku.

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Notes

This is also played as a hand-clapping game.

Game Instructions

Action Song:

1. On every "Sea, sea, sea": Put your right hand up to your forehead, over your eyes, like you're looking - 3 times.
2. On every "Chop, chop, chop": Put one hand out like an ax and "chop" inside the elbow of your other arm - 3 times.
3. On every "Knee, knee, knee": Clap your hands on your knees - 3 times.
4. On every "Toe, toe, toe": Touch your toes 3 times.
5. Timbuku:
On "Tim": Put hands on your shoulders.
On "buk": Put hands on your head.
On "tu": Put hands up in the air.
6. On "Sea": Put your hand up to your forehead, over your eyes.
On "Chop": "Chop" your arm.
On "Knee": Clap your knees.
On "Toe": Touch your toes.
On "Tim-buk-tu": Hands on shoulders, head and then up in the air.