

## Bonnie Prince Billy

### "black captain"

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Ever see someone do so well  
that none could ever stop him?  
Commanding o'er the hardest swell  
with no force or fault to top him?  
well, under all and every one  
is hidden a woman or man.  
who lights or inspires some higher desires  
and allows him to do what he can.  
What power he has, only I know.  
and now I have let my captain go.  
I was his true and he made my fortune.  
He led, from on top of my shoulder  
He could lead pure when my worship was sure  
and many times even step bolder.  
He loved me, and needed,  
saw trouble, and greeted  
What seemed so distinguished became plainly  
vanquished  
when I went to find life on my own,  
What power he has, only I know.  
and now I have let my captain go.  
Now men laugh at him and say  
better men number in thousands.  
nobody ever goes out of his way  
to lessen his clouds as they crowd in.  
And I am near by and I watch with a sigh  
s my captain curls up like a cripple.  
and hope that he goes where nobody knows  
under sea and leaves not a ripple.  
what power he has, only I know  
and now I have let my captain go.

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