

## The Men They Couldt Hang "Smugglers"

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The boat rides south of Ailsa Craig in the waning of the  
light  
There's thirty men in Lendalfit to make our burden light  
And there's thirty horse in Hazleholm with the halters  
on their heads  
All set this night up on your life if wind and water speed  
Smugglers drink of the frenchmens wine and the  
darkest night is the smugglers  
lime  
Away we ran from the excise man  
It's a smugglers life for me  
It's a smugglers life for me  
Oh lass you have a cozy bed, and cattle you have ten  
Can you not live a lawful life and live with lawful men?  
But must I use old homely goods while there's foreign  
gear so fine?  
Must I drink at the waterside and France so full of wine  
Smugglers drink of the frenchmens wine and the  
darkest night is the smugglers  
time  
Away we ran from the excise man  
It's a smugglers life for me  
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Though well I like to see you Kate, with a baby on your  
knee  
My heart is now with gallant crew that plough through  
the angry sea  
The hitter gale, the tightest sail, and the sheltered bay  
or goal  
It's the wayward life, it's the smugglers strife, it's the  
joy of the smugglers  
soul  
Smugglers drink of the frenchmens wine and the  
darkest night is the smugglers  
time  
Away we ran from the excise man  
It's a smugglers life for me  
It's a smugglers life for me  
And when at last the dawn comes up and the cargo  
safely stored  
Like sinless saints to church we'll go. God's mercy to  
afford

And It's champagne fine for communion wine and the  
parson drinks it too  
With a sly wink prays "forgive these men, for they know  
not what they do"  
Smugglers, drink of the frenchmens wine and the  
darkest night is the smugglers  
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