

Berlin Irving

"Sailor's Not A Sailor, A"

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[Full title: "A Sailor's Not a Sailor ('Til a Sailor's Been Tattooed)".]

[Sung by Mitzi Gaynor and Ethel Merman in the movie "There's No Business Like Show Business".]

[Merman:] I'm an old salt

[Gaynor:] I'm a young salt

[Both...:] In the Navy we've been working very hard

[Merman:] I was part of the Flotilla with Dewey in Manila

[Gaynor:] I'm a new recruit at the Brooklyn Navy yard

[Both...:] Tonight we're on a spree and feeling flow'ry

[Both...:] We've got a date with gals and drink and food

[Gaynor:] Across the Brooklyn Bridge and to the Bow'ry

[Merman:] And I'm gonna get the kid tattooed

[Gaynor:] Tattooed?

[Merman:] Tattooed!

[Both...:] A sailor's not a sailor 'til a sailor's been tattooed

[Merman:]

Here's an anchor from a tanker

That I sailed upon when first I went to sea

Here's another of my mother

Takes me back to when I sat upon her knee

Here's a crimson heart with a Cupid's dart

Here's a Battle Cruiser and when I sit down

On that, too

There's a tattoo

Of my home town

[Gaynor:] To the Bow'ry?

[Merman:] To the Bow'ry!

[Gaynor:] 'Cross the Brooklyn Bridge and I'm just in the mood

[Merman:]

He'll be filled with diff'rent mixtures

And covered up with pictures

[Gaynor:]

I can't wait to be, 'twill be great to be tattooed

[Merman:] Tattooed?

[Gaynor:] Tattooed!

[Both..:] A sailor's not a sailor 'til a sailor's been
tattooed

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