Berlin Irving "Sailor's Not A Sailor ('til A Sailor's Been Tattoo"

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[As sung by Mitzi Gaynor and Ethel Merman:]

[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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