

"Severn Song" (tune Cushie Butterfield)

Chorus She's a bright ship and a bonny ship
She was built for to sail
Her name it is "Severn"
And I'll sing you her tale

Verses Built at Crossfields Nineteen Hundred and Twelve
To be raced on the Mersey for trophies to shelve
A year later competing was hit by a squall
She capsized and was lost but her crew rescued all

Chorus In the deeps of the Mersey she languished away
'til fourteen years later was raised from the clay
Despite the immersion she was still spick and span
To be sold to Joe Wallace to sail once again

Chorus Many years and owners since then have passed
When bought by Arnside she came home at last
The community here got straightway to their tasks
Varnishing brightwork, painting topsides and rigging the mast

Chorus With a Lottery grant "Severn's" future's secure
To be sailed on the Kent but importantly more
She's a legacy to those fine men at Crossfields ashore
Whose boatbuilding skills are once more to the fore

Chorus She's a bright ship and a bonny ship
She was built for to sail
Her name it is "Severn"
Now I've finished this tale

Mike Greenwood

