

## **John Maynard**

John Maynard was a helmsman,  
He served his captain true.  
And led his trusting passengers,  
Through the deep sea blue.

Then big blue waves came crashing,  
“A storm! Watch out!” he cried.  
But no one heard his little voice,  
Because the storm had caused a fire!

It kept on raging on and on,  
But so did John Maynard.  
The captain called and called his name,  
But no reply was heard.

And when the ship had come ashore,  
Every one thought to be safe.  
They realized John was missing,  
And just had to see his face.

Some men went onboard to find him,  
And came back with him all burnt.  
The funeral was later that day,  
And what mourning felt like was learnt.

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