When I was a lad I used to trot
With grandpa selling from his veggie cart
I shouted out the carrots and the onions too
And we sold them to the ladies for their Irish stew.
Chorus: And we sold them to the ladies for their Irish stew.
I shouted out the veggies so cheerfully,
I soon became a sailor on the rolling sea.
Chorus: He shouted out the veggies so cheerfully.

He soon became a sailor on the rolling sea.

When I was a teen I quit my school and was banished forever from the golden rule.
I drove a truck and delivered the bread and was always in a hurry to get ahead.

Chorus: He was always in a hurry to get ahead.
I hurried through my work so speedily,
I soon became a captain of an LST.

Chorus: He hurried through his work so speedily,

He soon became a captain of an LST

I joined the Navy when I was eighteen

And vanished off to Cuba never more to be seen,
I sailed to Virginia where I met a lass
We got married soon as I could get a weekend pass.

Chorus: They got married soon as he could get a weekend pass.
So happy and content were we,

we soon became the parents of a family. Chorus: So happy and content was he, He soon became the parent of a family.

When I retired after 30 years,
I wondered what to do with my golden years,
I went to the Bank and they said hooray,
We can put you to work in the vault today,
Chorus: We can put you to work in the vault today.
I worked in the vault so hard they say,
I soon became the pride of the B of A.
Chorus: He worked in the vault so hard they say,
He soon became the pride of the B of A.

Now that I've lived a 100 years,
I never really bother about doubts & fears,
With trust in the Lord, who's kept me strong,
I've never had to worry about going wrong.

Chorus: He's never had to worry about going wrong.
So friends and relations, if you want a long life,
Just be sure to marry an Italian wife.
She'll care for you and feed you right.
Then you can keep on singing all your livelong life.

Chorus: Then he can keep on singing all his livelong life.