

**“So dive in bilge if so it be Thou must!
Pour on plunging rod and groaning thrust!
By the beard of Moses! thou art safe my men —
For I, myself, will take thee home again.**

**“Keep but the fire of life within the boilers,
My engineers, my wipers and my oilers,
And shining dollars shall be thy reward
From the Protector of the Poor, my Shipping
Board.”**

William Francis Roantree