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Sailing out on the Titanic
Some ninety miles from shore,
When suddenly it struck an iceberg,
And sank to rise no more.

CHORUS: Lost on the great Titanic
Sinking to rise no more;
The number, sixteen hundred
That failed to reach the shore.

There were paupers, merchants, and rich men
Sailing out on this boat;
And when it sank in the ocean
You could see their bodies float.

The men stood back like heroes.
Sending their wives to the shore;
They kissed, shook hands, and parted,
To meet on earth no more.

The band was playing sadly,
"Nearer, My God, To Thee;"
It seemed to play its utmost
As it sank in the deep blue sea.

Varant of Lost on the Lady Elgin;
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