

The FE5

In 1905 out of disaster - the FE5 she sailed in
The Happy Return they named her - the Good Intent to replace
And to fish for the people of Folkestone – as onto the channel she fared
When the FE5 sailed on the waters - the crew were all pleased to say
That this fine Cornish built fishing lugger - kept them safe when out at sea

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In 1915 she got power - no longer at the will of the winds
And for over 50 years she remained there – taking her catch from the sea
Then she moved up the coast to the Wash - and continued there to pay her way
And those storms in '87 tried to wreck her – the insurance men said she'd have to go.
Brought back - repaired and refitted - once more she was soon out on sea

Chorus

Her end ordered from Brussels where - strange decisions are made
They want boats the size of small islands that - take everything from the sea
So this fine and proud old fishing vessel - was told that she would have to go
But instead of going all to pieces - the Cornish men saved her soul
They restored that fine old fishing lugger - to the way - they built her years before

Chorus

It's been one hundred years since she first sailed into – the harbour in Folkestone town
And this fine and proud old fishing vessel - was truly made - from “Good Intent”
Many boats have come and gone their way now - many fine men lost unto the seas
But the FE5 known the Happy Return is - well known by St Peter too
In the next hundred years we'll still see her - sailing proudly out around the bay

Chorus