

Sam was a sailor on a big boat. but he was not like the other sailors. He couldn't get up the mast.

He couldn't clean the deck. The sailors laughed at Sam. You're not a sailor, they said.

The captain went to see Sam. Go to sailor school, she said. Come back when you can be a sailor.

So Sam got off the boat and went up the road to school.

Ho ho ho hum hum hum sailor school here I come!

Sam saw a big building. There were people going in and out. They had buckets and brooms. They had ropes and ladders. This must be a school for sailors, said Sam. So he went in.

Sit on a chair, said the teacher. Sam could do that. Fall off the chair, said the teacher. Sam could do that.

Put water on your head, said the teacher. Sam could do that too.

Sam went to school for two weeks. Then he went back to the boat. I can be a sailor now, he said. Good, said the captain. Let me see.

So Sam sat on a chair and fell off. He put water on his head.

Wow, said the sailors. We're going to sailor school! And they got off the boat.

Come back! shouted the captain. I don't want clowns for sailors. We're singing...