# Barrett’s Privateers (F)

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / [F]↓**

Oh, the **[F]** year was **[Bb]** seventeen **[C]** seventy-**[F]**eight

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

A **[F]** letter of **[C]** marque came **[F]** from the **[Bb]** king

To the **[F]** scummiest vessel I'd ever **[Bb]↓** seen

God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

We'd **[F]** cruise the **[Bb]** seas for A-**[F]**merican **[Bb]** gold

We'd **[C]** **↓** fire **↓** no **[F]↓** guns **[C] ↓** shed **↓** no **[Bb]↓** tears

Now I'm a **[F]** broken **[Bb]** man on a **[F]** Halifax **[Bb]** pier

The **[Bb]↓** last of Barrett's **[C]↓** Priva-**[F]↓**teers

Oh **[F]** Elcid **[Bb]** Barrett **[C]** cried the **[F]** town

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

For **[F]** twenty brave **[C]** men, all **[F]** fishermen **[Bb]** who

Would **[F]** make for him the Antelope's **[Bb]↓** crew

God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

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The **[F]** Antelope **[Bb]** sloop was a **[C]** sickening **[F]** sight

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

She'd a **[F]** list to the **[C]** port and her **[F]** sails in **[Bb]** rags

And the **[F]** cook in the scuppers with the staggers and **[Bb]↓** jags

God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

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On the **[F]** King's birth **[Bb]** day we **[C]** put to **[F]** sea

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

We were **[F]** ninety-one **[C]** days to Mon-**[F]**tego **[Bb]** Bay

**[F]** Pumping like madmen all the **[Bb]↓** way



God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

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The **[Bb]↓** last of Barrett's **[C]↓** Priva-**[F]↓**teers

On the **[F]** ninety-sixth **[Bb]** day we **[C]** sailed a-**[F]**gain

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

When a **[F]** bloody great **[C]** Yankee **[F]** hove in **[Bb]** sight

With our **[F]** cracked four-pounders we made to **[Bb]↓** fight

God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

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The **[F]** Yankee **[Bb]** lay low **[C]** down with **[F]** gold

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

She was **[F]** broad and **[C]** fat and **[F]** loose in **[Bb]** stays

But to **[F]** catch her took the Antelope two whole **[Bb]↓** days

God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

We'd **[F]** cruise the **[Bb]** seas for A-**[F]**merican **[Bb]** gold

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The **[Bb]↓** last of Barrett's **[C]↓** Priva-**[F]↓**teers

Then at **[F]** length we **[Bb]** stood two **[C]** cables a-**[F]**way

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

Our **[F]** cracked four-**[C]**pounders made an **[F]** awful **[Bb]** din

But with **[F]** one fat ball the Yank stove us **[Bb]↓** in

God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

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The **[F]** Antelope **[Bb]** shook and **[C]** pitched on her **[F]** side

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

**[F]** Barrett was **[C]** smashed like a **[F]** bowl of **[Bb]** eggs

And the **[F]** main-truck carried off both me **[Bb]↓** legs

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So **[F]** here I **[Bb]** lay in me **[C]** twenty-third **[F]** year

How I **[F]** wish I **[Bb]** was in **[F]** Sherbrooke **[C]↓** now

It's **[F]** been six **[C]** years since we **[F]** sailed a-**[Bb]**way

And I **[F]** just made Halifax yester-**[Bb]↓**day

God **[C] ↓** damn **↓** them **[F]↓** all **[F]** I was **[Bb]** told

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