# Barrett’s Privateers

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / [C]↓**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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