Saint Brendan's Fair Isle
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1. When I was a lad on the Emerald Isle,
   I heard many stories both lovely and wild,
   About the great dragons and monsters that be,
   That swallows the ships as they sail on the sea.
   I was an artist with canvas and paints,
   I sailed with Saint Brendan and his jolly saints.
   We told the good people goodbye for a while.

   chorus: As we sailed for Saint Brendan's Fair Isle, Fair Isle,
   We sailed for Saint Brendan's Fair Isle.

2. We'd been on the ocean for ninety four days,
   When we came to a spot where the sea was ablaze,
   Those demons from hades was dancing with glee,
   And burning the sailors alive on the sea,
   Saint Brendan walked out on the blistering waves,
   He threw all those demons right back in their caves,
   And all of the saints wore a heavenly smile,

3. One night while the bretheren were lying asleep,
   A great dragon came up from under the deep,
   He thundered and lightninged and made a great din,
   He awakened Saint Brendan and all of his men,
   The dragon came on with his mouth open wide,
   We threw in a cross and the great dragon died,
   We skinned him and cooked him and feasted a while.

4. And when we came on to that beautiful land,
   We took off our shoes and we walked on the sand,
   We took out our long bows and killed us a bull,
   We cooked it right up and we ate 'til we're full,
   And after a while we were singing this song,
   We noticed the island was moving along,
   We ate and we drank and we rode in high style.

5. Now Brendan said "Boys, this is much to my wish,
   We ride on the back of the world's biggest fish,
   Hold fast to the rope that is pulling our ship,
   We'll need it someday if this fish takes a dip",
   We sailed every ocean, we sailed every sea,
   We sailed every spot that a sailor could be,
   In forty four days we sailed ten million miles.

   coda: We sailed for Saint Brendan's Fair Isle, Fair Isle,
   We sailed for Saint Brendan's Fair Isle.