

RULER OF THE QUEEN'S NAVY

Sir Joseph: When I was a lad I served a term
 As office boy to an Attorney's firm
 I cleaned the windows and I swept the floor
 And I polished up the handle of the big front door

All: He polished up the handle of the big front door

Sir Joseph: I polished up that handle so carefullee
 That now I am the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

All: He polished up the handle so carefullee
 That now he is the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

Sir Joseph: As office boy I made such a mark
 That they gave me the post of a junior clerk
 I served the writs with a smile so bland
 And I copied all the letters in a big round hand

All: He copied all the letters in a big round hand

Sir Joseph: I copied all the letters in a hand so free
 That now I am the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

All: He copied all the letters in a hand so free
 That now he is the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

Sir Joseph: In serving writs I made such a name
 That an articled clerk I soon became
 I wore clean collars and a brand-new suit
 For the pass examination at the Institute

All: For the pass examination at the Institute

Sir Joseph: And that pass examination did so well for me
 That now I am the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

All: That pass examination did so well for he
 That now he is the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

Sir Joseph: Of legal knowledge I gained such a grip
 That they took me into the partnership
 And that junior partnership, I ween
 Was the only ship that I ever had seen

All: The only ship that he ever had seen

Sir Joseph: But that kind of ship so suited me
 That now I am the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

All: That kind of ship so suited he
 That now he is the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

Sir Joseph: I grew so rich that I was sent
By a pocket borough into Parliament
I always voted at my party's call
And I never thought of thinking for myself at all

All: He never thought of thinking for himself at all

Sir Joseph: I thought so little, they rewarded me
By making me the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

All: He thought so little, they rewarded he
By making him the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

Sir Joseph: Now landsmen all, whoever you may be
If you want to rise to the top of the tree
If your soul isn't fettered to an office stool
Be careful to be guided by this golden rule

All: Be careful to be guided by this golden rule

Sir Joseph: Stick close to your desks and never go to sea
And you all may be rulers of the Queen's Navee!

All: Stick close to your desks and never go to sea
And you all may be rulers of the Queen's Navee!