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THE TURLERS' ALPHABET

A folk song from the Cayman Islands

A is for Anchor the Cayman boys weigh
B is for Bobell that steers them away
C is for Compass that always points right,
and
D is for Danger we fear in the night

CHORUS:

**So wet and so tired and hungry are we
There's no one who suffers like a turler
at sea
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E is for Ensign we always fly high
F is for Farewell that makes the girls cry
G is for Galley, our breads are secure, and
H is for Halyard that makes our hands
sore.

CHORUS

I is for Interest the turtle procure
J is for Judgement we use on our oars
K is for Kettle when we boil our tea, and
L is for Lookout we keep on our lee

CHORUS

M is for Mainsail we oftentimes reef
N is for North wind that blows very bleak
O is for Oars we pull with our might
P is for Poverty we see in plain sight

CHORUS

Q is for Quadrant our hearts all cheer
R is for Rain that never goes clear
S is for Staysail we haul quickly down
T is for Tea we often pass round

CHORUS

U is for Union Jack we fly up and down
V is for Vessel that's now in the Sound
W is for Waiting for North Wind to blow
And off to Jamaica the whole fleet will go

XYZ now will end you our song
See how sweetly and smoothly it all goes
along

CHORUS