

And The Band Played On (Down Among The Dead Men)

Words & Music:
probably Harry Vanda &/or George Young (Flash & The Pan)

I recently rediscovered this '80s group (and their penchant for lo-fi vocals) and also rediscovered why I loved each & every one of their tunes. The title references an 18th century English sea song but tells the tale of the Titanic. I would love the chords to this!

It was night, a starry moonless sight.
Out in the mid Atlantic, there sailed a ship of light.
She was big, this ship of luxury.
Everything was peaceful, no safer place to be.

PRE-CHORUS:

And she sailed through the night, on her way...

CHORUS:

Down among the dead men.
Down among the dead men.
And the band played...
She sailed the virgin, she sailed the sea.
Down among the dead men.

Captain Smith, the master in command.
A man with wealth of wisdom, a fine upstanding man.
But the fog..., he didn't hear the calls.
The ice mountain was waiting for fifteen hundred souls.

PRE-CHORUS & CHORUS:

OUTRO:

Down among the dead men and into history...