



The Volunteer

A boat built by hand in Salford.
Inspired by the Bridgewater Canal - its heritage, its people and its trees.

Boat building song
by Jennifer Reid

She's made of larch, poplar and ash,
Put together by fellas f' th' littlest brass

*And they're rowin' her away,
Rowin' her away,
Rowin' her away on this Friday*

She's starvationer in style,
Will she carry the lads for a good few
miles

She's built o' wood and built to last,
And Mark wi' th' hat's doin' t' fibreglass

It's hard work hammerin' th' jibs,
And they've put their marks all in her
ribs

She's in the Delph at 1 o'clock,
Greeted by th' locals in their best frocks

Vice, glue, sander, chisel and hands,
Sailing away to Worsley sands

Strangers joined by planks o' wood,
Working hard like good lads should

Put together and fettled neat,
Be proud lads now she's complete



































The Volunteer was launched on 23 September 2016 on the Bridgewater Canal, Worsley, Salford.

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She was built by David Bishop, Alan Butterworth, Eric Fitton, Nigel Harris, John Hogan, Stephen Hopkins, Lewis Pathak, David Rydings and Ged Southern.

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