

# Will Your Anchor Hold?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwLY\\_fiTDLy](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwLY_fiTDLy)

This YouTube of the wonderful Boys' Brigade hymn, *Will Your Anchor Hold?*, is just magnificent! Throughout the video are shown numerous photographs of BB companies dating back many decades, and at the end is played the march, *Mechanized Infantry*. My husband, who was in the BB in Stirling, assures me he's not in any of these photos. So, just wondering if the Glaswegian and erstwhile captain of our church's Boys Brigade Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Strood, is somewhere amongst all these boys?...

The video has been put together and uploaded by *brawladdie1*, who writes:

*"Many a Scots lad was kept on the straight and narrow through the turbulent years of adolescence and beyond, thanks to the BB. Its decent values of truthfulness, self-discipline, clean living, self-improvement, duty and camaraderie, and respect for elders lasted until the egotistical, hedonistic sixties made all that appear uncool ... God bless all the men who selflessly devoted their hours and energies to making generations of Scottish boys into good Christian men and citizens!"*

**Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?**

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul,  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.***

**Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,  
Shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?**

**Will your eyes behold through the morning light,  
The city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore  
When life's storms are past for evermore?**

**Elizabeth McDonald  
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