

# The Bristol Song by Eugene Byrne, Anna Farthing and David Ogden

## CHORUS

Reach out across the river  
Reach out across the land  
Give everyone a welcome  
And offer them your hand  
Build a bridge of friendship  
To reach across the sea.  
And tell the Bristol story  
Of how we came to be.

Sung twice last time then Alright my loverrr?

1. Our story starts in the mists of time  
When Bristol was a swamp of slime  
Two giants worked with pick and spade  
To dig the Gorge and impress a maid  
Gorum sat drinking in the sun  
So Vincent fair Avona – WON!.

2. Our sailors sailed from West to East  
Braving seas and strange wild beasts  
Cabot sailed with his Bristol crew  
Upon his wooden ship Matthew  
They found new land - A Miracle  
Now that's what we call – Americal. AMERICAL!

**CHORUS**

3. Our Pirates they were tough and mean  
Robbing Spaniards for their queen  
Blackbeard's beard was all fired up  
Though Long John Silver is made up  
Seeking treasure they sailed far  
And when they found it shouted - YAAAAAR

“Yo ho ho and a bottle of Ribena”

4. Georgian merchants traded goods and sold  
Sugar, rum and slaves for gold  
Bristolians made lots of brass  
Pots and coloured beads of glass  
Cotton, chocolate and booze  
And for the rich and lucky - SHOES

“Where's me daps?” **CHORUS**

5. Our Bristol brains they think a lot  
D'you know we made the first robot  
Easter eggs and micro-chips  
Bikes, balloons, aeroplanes and ships  
We love our town, we all believe  
But keep inventing ways – TO LEAVE

“Cheers drive”

6. Our town is known for famous folk  
Carey Grant and that Banksy bloke  
We got bands, two football teams  
Aardman's on our TV screens  
Our people stand out from the crowd  
Born or bred, they make us – PROUD

“More cheese Grommitt “ **CHORUS**