



ON THE BALL!

* FOOTBALL SONG *

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Football Song.

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Marcia, con spirito.

VOICE.  *ff* 



mf cresc.



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Lively, with spirit.

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Key Bb.

Here's a cheer for the grand old game, And a

cheer for the men who play, — Here's a shout for the boys at

home, — And a yell for the lads a - way! Hur - ray!

Shout.

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FOOTBALL SONG.

1.

Here's a cheer for the grand old game,
And a cheer for the men who play,
Here's a shout for the boys at home,
And a yell for the lads away!

Hurray!

Chorus. On the ball, on the ball,
Loud and clear it rings like a trumpet call!
Hear the shouts excited roll,
Buck up there! Look out in goal!
On the ball, ball, ball,
On the ball, on the ball!

2.

Though the stormy winds do blow,
And the sleet or rain may fall,
Hang the weather, lads, let it go,
Buck up, and out with the ball,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

3.

If your goalie lets them through,
Or your crack man suddenly crooks,
Don't be downhearted boys,
Play harder and give them socks!

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

4.

If the finish is getting near,
And you've had a knocking about,
Good old Soccer's all touch and go,
There's a chance till they turn you out,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

5.

If a man doesn't come up to scratch,
Don't say he's the worst you've seen,
It's all right to shout at a match
But remember he's not a machine,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

6.

There's many a game been won,
By a side that looked done in,
On the leather, lads! Bang it through,
Just stick to your guns and win,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

EXTRA VERSES.

1.

When a penalty's given against,
And of course you don't agree,
Keep your temper— that's if you can—
And don't kill the referee!

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

2.

When the boys are off their form,
And they don't know how to win,
Don't shout nasty things or swear,
But stick to 'em, thick and thin,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

3.

When you've got a chance in a sweep,
And the odd goal knocks you out,
It's better to cheer than to weep,
Give the winning team a shout,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

4.

It's right to shout for your side,
But never be carried away,
A sportsman's mind is wide,
And he'll always cheer good play,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

5.

If you're drawn to play the Spurs,
Or the Wolves in the final tie,
Or the Rovers or Blades— who cares?
Line up, lads, and do or die,

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

6.

When you get to the Palace ground,
In the tie for the English Cup,
Put your beef in the game, my lads,
Now or never, my lads! Buck up!

Hurray!

Cho. On the ball, etc.

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