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H.M.S. "VANGUARD" ON SPRING CRUISE

Held up 24 hours by a gale, Britain's biggest battleship is ready to sail on her Spring Cruise. Once they get those strings loose she'll be off. Spring comes pretty early in the navy, doesn't it? But as the Home Fleet's off to the Mediterranean nobody's grumbling. It's a case of 'never mind you, Jack's all right.'

Cheer up, ma. He'll be back in March. The Spring Cruise is part of naval training. It's a chance for ships to work together and try out new tactics. It's good for the crews, too. If they stay in port too long they might lose their sea stomachs!

And there she goes! Oh well, button up your overcoats. In spite of the Navy, spring ain't busting out all over here yet!