

LEAVE HER - JOHNNY

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8 Leave her, Johnny, Leave her; Oh leave her, Johnny, Leave her. For the

8 voy'ge is done an the winds dont blow an its time for us to Leave her!

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8 1, oh the times wuz hard an the wages - low, Leave her Johnny Leave her! But

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8 now once more a shore we'll go an its time for us to Leave her

2. Oh, I thought I heard the Ol' Man say,
Tomorrow ye will get your pay.

3. The work wuz hard an' the voyage wuz long,
The sea wuz high an' the gales wuz strong.

4. The wind wuz foul an' the sea ran high,
She shipped it green an' none went by.

5. The grub wuz bad an' the wages low,
But now once more ashore we'll go.

6. The Ol' Man swears an' the mate swears too,
The crew all swear, an' so would you.

7. It's growl yer may, an' go yer must,
It matters not whether yer last or first.

8. The ship won't steer, nor stay, nor wear,
An' so us shellbacks learnt to swear.

9. We'll leave her tight an' we'll leave her trim,
An' we'll heave the hungry bastard in.