

Leave Her, Johnny, Leave Her!

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Forebitter

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is accompanied by chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Oh, the times wuz hard an` the wa - ges low, Leave her John - ny
lea - ve her! But now once more a - shore we` -ll go an` ia`s time for us to
leave her! Leave her John - ny lea - ve her! Oh leave her John - ny lea - ve her! For the
v`yage is done, an` the winds don`t blow, an` its time for us to leave her!

2. The rain it rains the whole day long / the North-East-wind is blowing strong!
3. It`s pump or drown, the Old man said / Or else damn soon ye`ll all be dad.
4. Oh I thought I heard the Old man say, / Tomorrow you will get your pay.
5. Oh, what will us poor shellbacks do? / The stomach is empty and the pockets to!
6. We`ll pack our traps and go on shore / Drink beer an` see t`young girls once more!
7. Leave her, Johnny, you can leave her like a man, / Oh leave her , Johnny, oh, leave her while you can!
8. Now I thought I heard the Old man say, / One more good pull and then belay.