

THE FINAL TRAWL

ARCHIE FISHER

NOW IT'S THREE LONG YEARS SINCE WE MADE HER PAY
SING HAUL AWAY, MY LADDIE O
AND THE OWNERS SAY THAT SHE'S HAD HER DAY
AND SING HAUL AWAY, MY LADDIE O

SO HEAVE AWAY FOR THE FINAL TRAWL
IT'S AN EASY PULL FOR THE CATCH IS SMALL

THEN STOW YER GEAR, LADS, AND BATTEN DOWN
AND I'LL TAKE THE WHEEL, LADS, AND TURN HER ROUND

AND WE'LL JOIN THE VENTURE AND THE MORNING STAR
RIDING HIGH AND EMPTY TOWARDS THE BAR

NOW I'D RATHER BEACH HER ON SKERRY ROCK
THAN TO SEE HER TORCHED IN THE BREAKER'S DOCK

AND WHEN I DIE YOU CAN STOW ME DOWN
IN HER RUSTY HOLD WHERE THE BREAKERS SOUND

THEN I'LL MAKE THE HAVEN OF FIDDLERS GREEN
WHERE THE GRUB IS GOOD AND THE BUNKS ARE CLEAN

AND I FISHED A LIFETIME, BOY AND MAN
AND THE FINAL TRAWL SCARCELY MAKES A CRAN

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