

The TANKERMAN'S SHANTY

for Tom Goux and the New Bedford Sea Shanty chorus

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WELL MY NAME IS O - - LE HAN - - SEN I'M FROM
NOW WE WOULD - - N'T KNOW A TRADE WIND FROM A
IT'S BEEN NICE TO CHAT BUT NOW IT'S TIME FOR

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BER - - GEN AND I'VE BEEN A SAI - - LOR ALL MY A - DULT
TRAIN WRECK AND THOSE 'MON - STER WAVES' BOUNCE HARM - LESS OFF OUR
WORK SIR WE'VE JUST HEARD THE HAR - - BOR PI - - LOT'S ON HIS

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LIFE NOW I NE - - VER WED IT'S JUST MY SHIP AND
SIDE OUR I NE - - VER WED IT'S JUST MY SHIP AND
WAY AND WE'LL TEND OUR SHIP WITH - - OUT THE SONGS OF

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I SIR AND TWO HUN - - DRED THOU - SAND TONS MAKES QUITE A
- SI - - TION AND OUR E - - MAIL TELLS THE OWN - ERS HOW WE
OLD SIR ALL THOSE SHAN - TIES SAIL - - ORS SANG BACK IN THE

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WIFE AS A LAD I SAILED AS BO - - SUN FOR MY
RIDE ONCE WE FLEW THE FLAG OF HOL - LAND, NOW IT'S
DAY! WE'VE BEEN OR - - DERED TO WEST AF - - RI - - CA TO

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UN - - CLE THEN I SPENT E - - LE - - VEN YEARS AS MATE WITH
CY - - PRUS WE HAVE CREW FROM BUR - MA, GREECE, THE PHIL - LI -
LOAD SIR THEN IT'S EAST - WARDS TO KO - RE - - A ONCE A -

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SHELL I AM FIF - - TEEN YEARS THE MAS - - TER OF THIS
- PINES AT THE BERTH THE CHAND - LER BRINGS US OUR SUP -
- GAIN LOTS OF WHALES A - - LONG THE ROUTE TO KEEP US

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VES - - SEL SO WE KNOW THE SEAS AND O - - CEANS RA - - THER
 - PLIES SIR HALF A TON OF RICE AND THIR - - TEEN KINDS OF
 COM - P'NY THERE'S A WHITE ONE THAT SWIMS NEAR US NOW AND

G Gm *"plaintively"* D

WELL BUT YOU NE - - VER HEAR A SONG A - - BOUT A
 BEANS! BUT NO NEED FOR MU - - SIC MUCH A - - ROUND A
 THEN BUT YOU NE - - VER HEAR A SONG A - - BOUT A

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TAN - KER THERE'S JUST NO RO - - MANCE IN CRUDE OIL OR IN
 TAN - KER AS THE COAST GUARD AND THE U - - NIONS BOTH A -
 TAN - KER ALL THE SHAN - TY - - MEN IG - NORE US AS A

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STEEL NO_ ICE - - BERGS CAUS - - ING PA - - NIC AS A -
 - GREE SO WE'RE DULL AND UN - - RO - - MAN - - TIC IN PA -
 RULE THEY WILL SING THEIR LOVE - - LY PHRAS - - ES IN A

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- BOARD THE OLD TI - TA - NIC NO_ PI - RATES AND NO PAR - ROTS NO DEAD
 - CI - - FIC OR AT - LAN - TIC AS OUR SAT' - LITE NA - VI - GA - - TOR STEERS US
 GRACE - FUL SCHOON - ER'S PRAI - SES OR RE - CALL HE - - RO - IC E - - PI - SODES WHEN

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HELMS - - - MEN AT THE WHEEL: YO - - -
 THRU - - - THE ROUGH - - - EST SEAS YO - - -
 MEN AND SEAS WERE CRUEL YO - - -

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- HO I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY USED TO
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SAY YO - - - HO!
 SAY YO - - - HO!
 SAY YO - - - HO!