

Let Me Fish Off Cape St. Mary's

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♩ = 60 *Expressivo*

Melody

1) Take me back to my west-ern boat, let me
2) Let me feel my old dor-y lift to the
3) Let me view that rug-ged shore, where the
4) Take me back to that snug green cove where the

*optional
harmony
for verse 4*

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Canon

Oo.....

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fish off Cape St. Mar-y's;— where the hag-downs sail and the
broad At-lan-tic comb-ers;— where the tide rips swirl and the
beach is all a-glis-ten;— with the cap-lin spawn where from
seas roll up their thun-der.— There_ let me rest in the

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fog-horns wail, with my friends, the Browns and the Clear-ys.— Let me
wild ducks whirl, where old Nep-tune calls the num-bers,— 'neath the
dusk to dawn you_ bait your trawl and_ lis-ten_ to the
earth's cool breast, where the stars shine out their_ won-der_ and the

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1, 2, 3 4.

fish off Cape St. Mar-y's.____
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 un-der-tow a-his-sin'.____
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Triangle

Fog Horn

mf *pp*

two instruments for effect repeat occasionally at the performers' discretion

Performance Suggestions:

Triangle: Use of the triangle could represent a bell buoy in the ocean swell.

Fog Horn: A fog horn sound could be produced by piano, recorded foghorn, bassoon, etc.

The key is not so important but the perfect 4th interval is crucial. It does not need to harmonize with the melody.

Ocean Swell: An auto harp could be effective. Simply run fingers of both hands up and down the instrument to represent the rise and fall of a boat in the ocean swell - again, this should have complete rhythmic freedom. If an auto harp is not available, one could run fingers up and down the upper strings of a piano while holding down the sustaining pedal.

Definitions:

western boat - a small schooner, about 50 feet long - used for fishing

hagdown - local name for a species of sea bird

trawl - a method for catching fish, consisting of a long length of rope to which is attached (at regular intervals) about three feet of fishing line and a hook. The baited hooks rest near the ocean floor.

caplin - (pronounced cap-lin) - small fish which roll ashore by the millions to spawn on Newfoundland beaches during the month of June. They are used as bait for trawls but are also a delicacy on the dining table.

Additional verses by Otto P. Kelland:

Let me sail up to Golden Bay
 with my oil skins all a-streamin'.
 From the thunder squall, when I hauled my trawl
 and my old Cape Ann a-gleamin'
 with my oil skins all a-streamin'.

When I reach that last big shoal
 where the ground swells break asunder,
 where the wild sands roll to the surges toll,
 let me be a man and take it
 when my dory fails to make it.

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