

Let Me Fish Off Cape St. Mary's

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$\text{♩} = 60$ *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*

4) Take me back to the snug gr where the

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 with my friends, the Browns and the Clear-ys. Let me
wild duc', where old Nep-tune calls the num-bers, 'neath the
dusk on you-bait your trawl and lis-ten to the
earth's reast, where the stars shine out their won-der and the

ool breast, where the stars shine out their won-der and the

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1, 2, 3 4.

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un-der-tow a-his-sin'.
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Triangle Fog Horn

mf *p*

two instruments for effect
repeat occasionally at
the performers' discretion

Performance Suggestions:

- Triangle:** Use of the triangle could represent a bell by which the boat can swell.
- Fog Horn:** A fog horn sound could be produced by a variety of instruments such as foghorn, bassoon, etc. The key is not so important but the pitch and timbre is crucial. It does not need to harmonize with the melody.
- Ocean Swell:** An auto harp could be effective. Sir John Barrow used the fingers of both hands up and down the instrument to represent the rise and fall of a boat in the ocean swell - again the key is not so important but the pitch and timbre is crucial. If an auto harp is not available, one could run fingers up and down the strings of a piano while holding down the sustaining pedal.

Definitions:

- western boat** - a small schooner, about 30 feet long - used for fishing
- hagdown** - local name for a species of fish
- 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 trawl is pulled along the bottom of the sea near the ocean floor.
- caplin** - (pronounced cap-lin) a small fish which roll ashore by the millions to spawn on Newfoundland beaches during the month of June. They are used as bait but are also a delicacy on the dining table.

Additional verses for Newfoundland:

Let me sail up to the top of the mountain
with my oil skin' a-min'.
From the top of the mountain, when I hauled my trawl
and my caplin' a-gleamin'
with my oil skin' a-streamin'.

With the wind at last big shoal
's and swells break asunder,
wild sands roll to the surges toll,
a man and take it
my dory fails to make it.