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JIGS































LARK IN THE MORNING

























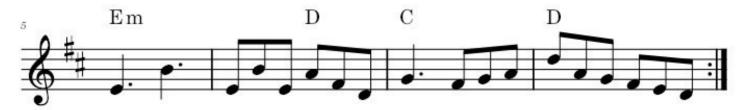


















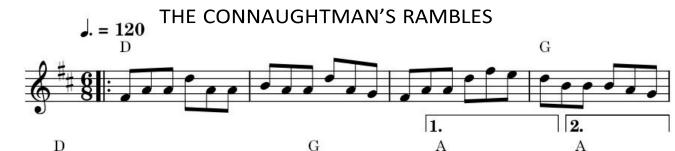


























THE LILTING BANSHEE

























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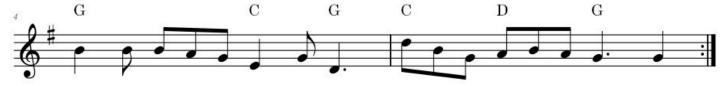




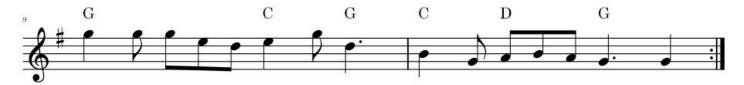


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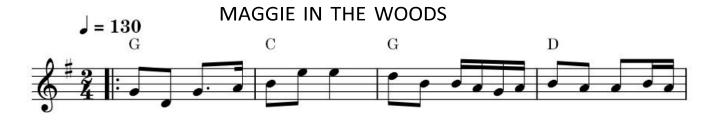




















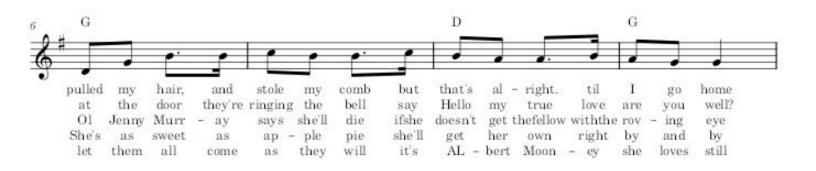




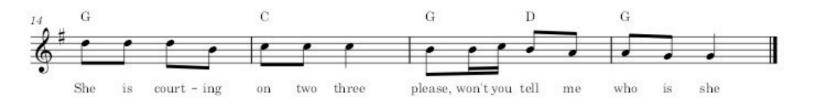


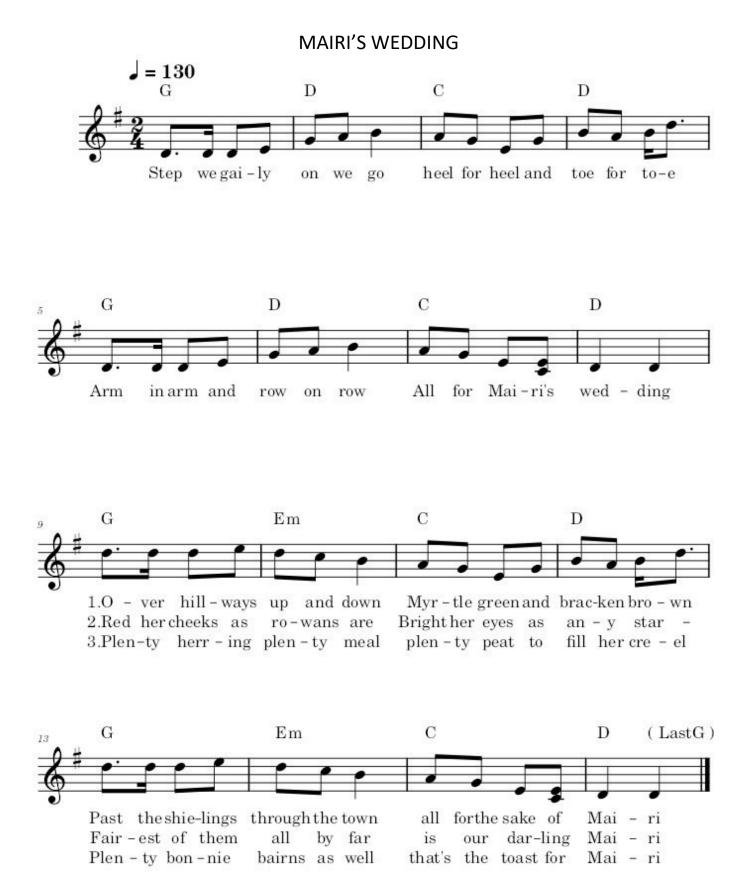


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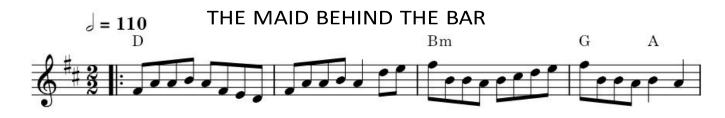








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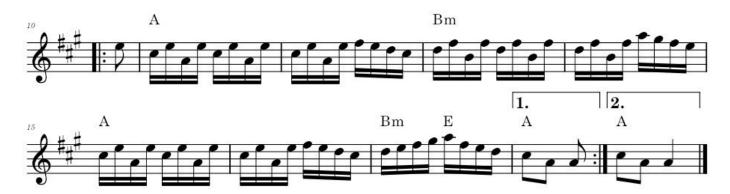




























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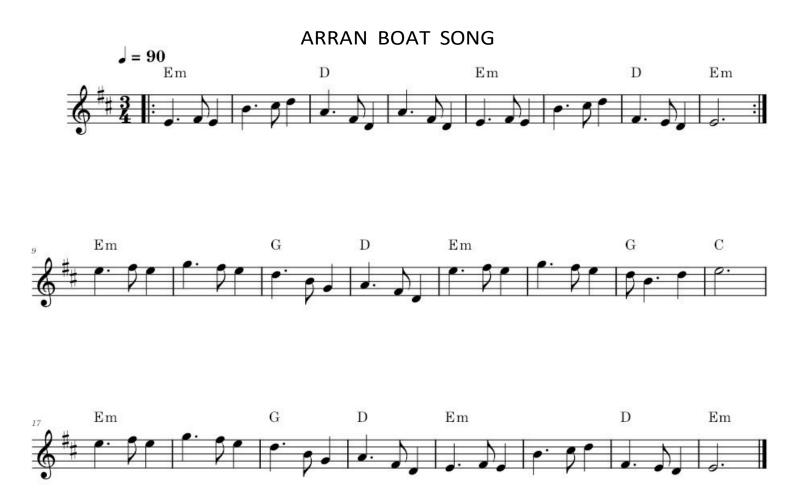






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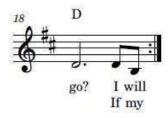


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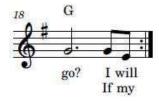












LYRICS

LEAVE HER JOHHNY

VERSE 1

I thought I heard the old man say,

Leave her johnny, leave her,

Tomorrow ye will get your pay,

And it's time for us to leave her.

CHORUS

Leave her johnny, leave her,

Oh leave her johnny, leave her,

For the voyage is long and the winds don't blow,

And it's time for us to leave her

VERSE 2

Oh the wind was foul and the sea ran high,

Leave her johnny, leave her,

She shipped it green and none went by,

And it's time for us to leave her.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

I hate to sail on this rotten tub,

Leave her johnny, leave her,

No grog allowed and rotten grub,

And it's time for us to leave her

CHORUS

VERSE 4

We swear by rote for want of more, Leave her johnny, leave her, But now we're through so we'll go on shore, And it's time for us to leave her. CHORUS X2

LUKEY'S BOAT

Well oh, Lukey's boat is painted green, **Aha me boys,** Lukey's boat is painted green, She's the prettiest boat you've ever seen, **Aha me boys a riddle aye day.**

Well oh, Lukey's boat's got a fine fore cuddy Aha me boys, Lukey's boats' got a fine fore cuddy, And every seam is chinked with putty, Aha me boys a riddle aye day, Aha me boys a riddle aye day.

Well I says Lukey the blinds are down, **Aha me boys,** I says Lukey the blinds are down, Me wife is dead and she's underground, **Aha me boys a riddle aye day, Aha me boys a riddle aye day.** Oh Lukey's rolling out his grub, Aha me boys, Lukey's rolling out his grub, One split pea in a ten pound tub, Aha me boys a riddle aye day, Aha me boys a riddle aye day.

Well Lukey's boats got high topped sails, **Aha me boys,** Lukey's boat's got high topped sails, The sheet was planched with copper nails, **Aha me boys a riddle aye day, Aha me boys a riddle aye day.**

Lukey's boat is painted green, Aha me boys, Lukey's boat is painted green, It's the prettiest boat that you've ever seen, Aha me boys a riddle aye day, Aha me boys a riddle aye day, Aha me boys a riddle aye day.

Well I says Lukey I don't care,

Aha me boys,

I says Lukey I don't care, I'll get me another in the spring of the year, Aha me boys a riddle aye day, Aha me boys a riddle aye day.

RANDY DANDY OH

VERSE 1:

Now we are ready to sail for the horn,

Way, hey, roll and go,

Our boots and our clothes boys are all in the pawn,

To be rollicking randy dandy oh.

CHORUS:

Heave a pawl, oh heave away,

Way, hey, roll and go,

The anchor's on board and the cables all stored,

To be rollicking randy dandy oh.

VERSE 2

Soon we'll be warping her out through the locks,

Way, hey, roll and go,

Where the pretty young girls all come down in flocks,

To be rollicking randy dandy oh.

<u>CHORUS</u>

VERSE3:

Come breast the bars bullies, heave her away,

Way, hey, roll and go,

Soon we'll be rolling her down through the bay,

To be rollicking randy dandy oh.

<u>CHORUS</u>

VERSE 4:

We're outward bound for Vallipo Bay,

Way, hey, roll and go,

Get cracking me lads, 'tis a hell of a way,

To be rollicking randy dandy oh.

ROLL THE OLD CHARIOT

VERSE 1:

Oh we'd be alright if the wind was in our sails,

Oh we'd be alright if the wind was in our sails,

Oh we'd be alright if the wind was in our sails,

And we'll all hang on behind.

CHORUS:

And we'll roll the old chariot along, we'll roll the old chariot along, we'll roll the old chariot along, And we'll all hang on behind.

VERSE 2:

Oh we'd be alright if we make it round the horn,

we'd be alright if we make it round the horn,

we'd be alright if we make it round the horn,

And we'll all hang on behind.

<u>CHORUS</u>

VERSE 3:

Well, a nice watch below wouldn't do us any harm,

a nice watch below wouldn't do us any harm,

a nice watch below wouldn't do us any harm,

And we'll all hang on behind.

<u>CHORUS</u>

VERSE 4:

Well, a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm,

a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm,

a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm,

And we'll all hang on behind.

<u>CHORUS</u>

VERSE 5:

Well, a night on the town wouldn't do us any harm,

a night on the town wouldn't do us any harm,

a night on the town wouldn't do us any harm,

And we'll all hang on behind.

THE WELLERMAN

VERSE 1

There once was a ship that put to sea, And the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea, The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down, O blow me bully boys blow.

CHORUS:

Soon may the Wellerman come, To bring us sugar and tea and rum, One day when the tonguin' is done, We'll take our leave and go.

VERSE 2:

She'd not been two weeks from shore, When down on her a right whale bore, The captain called on hands and swore, He'd take that whale in tow.

<u>CHORUS</u>

VERSE 3:

Before the boat had hit the water, The whale's tail came up and caught her, All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her, When she dived down below.

CHORUS

VERSE 4:

No line was cut, no whale was freed, The Captain's mind was not on greed, But he belonged to the whaleman's creed, He took the ship in tow.

<u>CHORUS</u>

VERSE 5:

For forty days or even more, The line went slack then tight once more, All boats were lost, there were only four, But still that whale did go.

CHORUS:

VERSE 6:

As far as I've heard, the fight's still on, The line's not cut, and the whale's not gone, The Wellerman makes his regular call, To encourage Captain, crew, and all.

BARRETT'S PRIVATEERS

Oh the year was 1778,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now, A letter of marque came from the king, To the scummiest vessel I've ever seen,

CHORUS:

God damn them all!

I was told we'd cruise the seas for,

American gold we'd fire no guns, shed no tears,

I'm a broken man on a Halifax pier,

The last of Barrett's privateers.

Oh, Elcid Barrett cried the town,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

For twenty brave men all fishermen who,

Would make for him the Antelope's crew

CHORUS

The Antelope sloop was a sickening sight,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

She'd a list to the port and her sails in rags,

And the cook in the scuppers with the staggers and jags,

<u>CHORUS</u>

On the King's birthday we put to sea,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

We were 91 days to Montego Bay, Pumping like madmen all the way

<u>CHORUS</u>

On the 96th day we sailed again,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

When a bloody great Yankee hove in sight,

With our cracked four pounders we made to fight,

<u>CHORUS</u>

The Yankee lay low down with gold,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

She was broad and fat and loose in the stays,

But to catch her took the Antelope two whole days,

<u>CHORUS</u>

Then at length we stood two cables away,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

Our cracked four pounders made an awful din,

But with one fat ball the Yank stove us in,

<u>CHORUS</u>

The Antelope shook and pitched on her side,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

Barrett was smashed like a bowl of eggs,

And the main trunk carried of both me legs,

<u>CHORUS</u>

So here I lay in my twenty-third year,

How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now,

It's been 6 years since we sailed away,

And I just made Halifax yesterday,

<u>CHORUS X2</u>

HOT ASPHALT

Good evening, all my jolly lads, I'm glad to find you well,

If you'll gather all around me, now, the story I will tell,

For I've got a situation and begorrah and begob,

I can whisper all the weekly wage of nineteen bob,

'Tis twelve months come October since I left me native home,

After helping them Killarney boys to bring the harvest down,

But now I wear the gansey and around me waist a belt,

I'm the gaffer of the squad that makes the Hot asphalt.

CHORUS:

Well, we laid it in the hollows and we laid it in the flat,

And if it doesn't last forever, sure I'll swear I'll eat me hat,

Well, I've wandered up and down the world and sure I never felt,

Any surface that was equal to the hot asphalt.

The night a copper comes, and he says to me McGuire,

Would you kindly let me light me pipe down at your boiler fire?

And he planks himself right down in front, with hobnails up, 'til late

And says I, me decent man you'd better go and find your bait.

He ups and yells, I'm down on you, I'm up to all yer pranks,

Don't I know you for a traitor from the Tipperary ranks?

Boys, I hit straight from the shoulder and I gave him such a belt,

That I knocked him into the boiler full of hot asphalt.

<u>CHORUS</u>

We quickly dragged him out again and we threw him in the tub,

And with soap and warm water we began to rub and scrub,

But devil the thing, it hardened and it turned him hard as stone,

And with every rub, sure you could hear the copper groan.

I'm thinking says O'Reilly, that he's lookin like old Nick,

And burn me if I am not inclined to claim him with me pick,

Now, says I, it would be easier to boil him 'til he melts,

And to stir him nice and easy in the hot asphalt.

<u>CHORUS</u>

You may talk about your sailor lads, ballad singers and the rest,

Your shoemakers and your tailors but we please the ladies best,

The only ones who know the way their flinty hearts to melt,

Are the lads around the boiler making hot asphalt,

With rubbing and with scrubbing, sure I caught me death of cold,

For scientific purposes, me body it was sold,

In the Kelvin Grove museum, I'm hangin in me pelt,

As a monument to the Irish, making hot asphalt

CHORUS

IRISH PUB SONG

Well you walk into a city street, you could be in Peru,

And you hear a distant calling and you know it's meant for you,

And you drop what you were doing and you join the merry mob,

And before you know just where you are, you're in an Irish pub.

CHORUS:

They've got one in Honolulu, they've got one in Moscow too,

They got four of them in Sydney and a couple in Kathmandu,

So, whether you sing or pull a pint, you'll always have a job,

'cause wherever you go around the world you'll find an Irish Pub.

Now the design is fairly simple, and it usually works the same,

You" have "Razor Houghton" scoring in the Ireland England game,

And you know your in an Irish pub the minute you're in the door,

for a couple of boys with bodhrans will be murderin Christy Morre.

CHORUS

Now the owner is Norwegian, and the manager comes from Cork,

And the lad that's holding up the bar says "Only eejits work."

He was born and bred in Bolton but his mammy's from Kildare,

And he's going to make his fortune soon and move to County Clare.

<u>CHORUS</u>

Now it's time for me to go, I have to catch a train,

So I'll leave ye sitting at the bar and face the wind and rain,

For I'll have that pint you owe me, like I'm not gone on the dry,

When we meet next week in Frankfurt, or in the field of Athenry

BLACK VELVET BAND

In a neat little town they call Belfast, Apprentice in trade I was bound, And many's an hour of sweet happiness, I spent in that neat little town. 'til sad misfortune befell me, Which caused me to stray from the land Far away from my friends and relations, To follow the black velvet band.

CHORUS:

Her eyes they shone like diamonds, You'd think her the queen of the land, And her hair hung over her shoulders, Tied up with a black velvet band.

I took a stroll down Broadway, Meaning not long for to stay When who I should meet but this pretty fair maid, Came a traipsing along the highway. She was both fair and handsome, Her neck it was just like a swan's, And her hair is hung over her shoulders, Tied up with a black velvet band.

<u>CHORUS</u>

I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid, And the gentleman passing us by Well, I knew she meant the doing of him, By the look in her roguish black eye A gold watch she took from his pocket, And placed it right into my hand, And the very first thing I said was, Bad luck to the black velvet band <u>CHORUS</u>

Before the judge and jury Next morning I had to appear, And the judge he said to me "young man, Your case is proven clear." We'll give you seven years penal servitude, You're going to Van Diemon's land Far away from your friends and relations Betrayed by the black velvet band. CHORUS X2

THE KITTYMAN

There once was a cat with a hungry belly, The name of the cat was Whiskers Jelly, His throat was dry and his bowl was bare, Meow me furry cats meow.

<u>CHORUS</u>

Soon may the kittyman come, With birds and mice and some tasty nums, One day when the critters come, We'll eat 'til our bellies are full.

Well Jelly got his boys and gathered round,

They scattered seeds from a sack they found,

In hopes the seeds they spread on the ground,

Would bring small critters aboot.

CHORUS

Well, the gang was bored, and morale had dipped,

'til one of the seeds grew green catnip,

They sniffed and they snacked, and they all got ripped,

They all had a meow that night.

<u>CHORUS</u>

Well, their heads were hung when the morn was nigh,

the nip was strong, and they all got high,

their bellies were shrunk and their bowls still dry,

oh, bring us some mice today.

MAID ON THE SHORE

There is a young maiden she lives all alone,

She lives all alone on the shore-o,

There's nothin she can find to comfort her mind,

But to roam all alone on the shore shore shore,

But to roam all alone on the shore

Twas of the young captain who sailed the sea,

Let the wind blow high blow low

"I will die, I will die' the young captain did cry,

If I don't have that maid on the shore shore shore,

If I don't have that maid on the shore

Well I have lots of silver I have lots of gold,

I have lots of costly ware-o

I'll divide I'll divide with my jolly ships crew

If they row me that maid on the shore shore shore,

If they row me that maid on the shore

After much persuasion they got her aboard, Let the wind blow high blow low They replaced her away in his cabin below, Here's adieu to all sorrow and care care care, Here's adieu to all sorrow and care They replaced her away in his cabin below

Let the wind blow high blow low

She's so pretty and neat she's so sweet and complete

She sung captain and sailors to sleep sleep sleep

She sung captain and sailors to sleep

Then she robbed him o' silver she robbed him o' gold

She robbed him o' costly ware-o

Then took his broadsword instead of an oar

And paddled her way to the shore shore shore

And paddled her way to the shore

Well me men must be crazy me men must be mad,

Me men must be deep in despair-o

For to let you away from my cabin so gay

And to paddle your way to the shore shore shore,

And to paddle your way to the shore

Well your men was not crazy your men was not mad,

Your men was not deep in despair-o

I deluded your sailors as well as yourself

I'm a maiden again on the shore shore shore

I'm a maiden again on the shore

CHEMICAL WORKER'S SONG

CHORUS

And it's go, boys, go

They'll time your every breath,

And every day you're in this place

You're two days nearer death.

But you go.

Well, a process man am I and I'm telling you no lie,

I work and breath among the fumes that trail across the sky,

There's thunder all around me and there's poison in the air,

There's a lousy smell that smacks of hell and dust all in the air,

<u>CHORUS</u>

Well, I've worked among the spinners, and I breathed the oily smoke,

I've shoveled up the gypsum and at night it makes you choke,

I've stood knee deep in cyanide, got sick with a caustic burn,

Been working rough I've seen enough to make your stomach turn.

CHORUS

There's overtime and bonus opportunities galore,

Young men like their money and they all come back for more,

But soon you're knocking on and you look older than you should,

For every bob made on the job you pay with flesh and blood.

<u>CHORUS</u>

Well, a process man am I and I'm telling you no lie,

I work and breathe among the fumes that trail across the sky,

There's thunder all around me and there's poison in the air,

There's a lousy smell that smacks of hell and dust all in the air,

OLD POLINA

There's a noble fleet of whalers, They're sailing from Dundee, Manned by British sailors, That take them over the sea. On a western ocean passage We started on the trip, We flew along just like a song, On a gallant whaling ship,

Was the second Sunday morning, Just after leaving port, We met a heavy southwest gale, And washed away our boat. It washed away our quarterdeck, Our stanchions just as well And so we set the whole shebang, a-floatin in the gale,

<u>CHORUS</u>

For the wind was on our quarter The engines working free, There's not another whaler, That sails the arctic sea. Can't beat the old Polina, You need not try my sons, We challenged all both great and small, From Dundee to St. John's Art jackman set his canvas, Fair weather galloped steam, And Captain Guy, the daring boy Came plunging through the stream, And Mullins in the Husky Tried to beat the bloody lot, But to beat the old Polina boys was something she could not. <u>CHORUS</u>

There's the noble terra Nova, A model without doubt, The Arctic and Aurora, They talk so much about. Art Jackman's model mail boat, The terror of the sea. Tried to beat the old Polina boy, On a passage from Dundee. CHORUS Now we're back in Old St. John's, Where rum is very cheap, We'll drink a health of Captain Guy, Who brought us over the deep. A health to all our sweethearts, And to our wives so fair, Not another ship could make the trip, The Polina I declare! CHORUS X2

ROLLING DOWN TO OLD MAUI

It's a damn tough life full of toil and strife,

We whalermen undergo.

And we won't give a damn when the gale is done,

How hard the winds did blow.

For we're homeward bound from the Arctic ground,

With a good ship taught and free.

And we won't give a damn when we drink our rum,

With the girls of Old Maui.

CHORUS

Rolling down to old Maui me boys,

Rolling down to old Maui,

We're homeward bound from the Arctic ground,

Rolling down to old Maui.

Once more we sail, through the northerly gale,

Through the ice and wind and rain,

Them coconut fronds, them tropical shores

We soon shall see again,

For six hellish months, we passed away,

On the cols Kamchatka sea,

But now we're bound from the Arctic ground,

Rolling down to old Maui.

<u>CHORUS</u>

Once more we sail, the northerly gale, Towards our island home, Our whaling done, Our mainmast sprung, And we ain't got far to roam. Our stans'l booms is carried away, What care we for that sound, A living gale is after us, Thank god we're homeward bound.

<u>CHORUS</u>

How soft the breeze through the island trees,

Now the ice is far astern,

Them native maids, the tropical glades,

Is awaiting our return.

Even now their big brown eyes look out,

hoping some fine day to see,

Our baggy sails, running 'fore the gales,

Rolling down to old Maui.

<u>CHORUS X2</u>