He Played His Ukulele As The Ship Went Down

(Arthur Le Clerq, 1931)

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho

I'll [F] tell you the tale of the [Bb] Nancy Lee

A [C7] ship that got ship [f] wrecked at sea

The bravest man was (86) Captain Brown

And he [C7] [STOP] played his ukulele as the [F] ship went down

(Dm) All the crew were [857] in des (A7) pair

[Dm] Some rushed here and [G7] others rushed [C7] there

But the [F] Captain sat in the (8b) Captain's chair

And he [C7] played his ukulele as the [F] ship went down [STOP]

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho

The [F] Bosun said to [5b] Stoker Jim

You'll (C7) have to teach me (F) how to swim

The stoker answered (8b) with a frown

We can [C2] (STOP) learn together as the [F] ship goes down

They [Dm] sprung a leak just [Bb7] after [A7] dark

And [Dm] through the hole came a [G7] hungry (C7) shark

It (F) bit the skipper near the [Bb] watermark

And he [C7] played his ukulele as the [F] ship went down [STOP]

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho

Instrumental - one verse

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The (F) Captain's wife was (8b) on the ship

And [C7] he was glad she'd [F] made the trip

As she could swim she [8b] might not drown

So he [CF] (STOP) tied her to the anchor as the [F] ship went down

The [Dm] cook's gone mad and the [Bb2] bosun's (A7) lame

The (Om) rudder has gone and the (O7) deck's a [C7] flame

My $\{F\}$ G-strings snapped but $\{F\}$ all the same

I shall (C7) play my ukulele when the [F] ship goes down [STOP]

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho

And $\{\mathbb{F}\}$ that is the tale of the $\{\mathbb{B}\mathfrak{b}\}$ Nancy Lee

A [C7] ship that got ship [F] wrecked at sea

And Captain Brown who was [8b] in command

[NC] Now plays his ukulele in a Mermaid band! [F] [STOP]

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho

