

The Decemberists - The Mariner's Revenge Song

Tom: C

We are two ^{Am}mariners
^{Am}Our ship's sole survivors
^{Am}In this belly of a whale
^EIt's ribs are ceiling beams
^EIt's guts are carpeting
^EI guess we have some time to kill ^{Am}

^{Am}You may not remember me
^{Am}I was a child of three
^{Am}And you, a lad of eighteen ^E
^EBut, I remember you
^EAnd I will relate to you
^EHow our histories interweave ^{Am}

^FAt the time you were
^{Am}A rake and a roustabout
^FSpending all your money
^EOn the whores and hounds
^F (oh, oh) ^E

^{Am}You had a charming air
^{Am}All cheap and debonair
^{Am}My widowed mother found so sweet ^E
^EAnd so she took you in
^EHer sheets still warm with him
^ENow filled with filth and foul disease ^{Am}

^FAs time wore on you proved
^{Am}A debt-ridden drunken mess
^FLeaving my mother
^EA poor consumptive wretch
^F (oh, oh) ^E

^{Am}And then you disappeared
^{Am}Your gambling arrears
^{Am}The only thing you left behind ^E
^EAnd then the magistrate
^EReclaimed our small estate
^EAnd my poor mother lost her mind ^{Am}

^FThen, one day in spring
^{Am}

My dear sweet mother died
^FBut, before she did
^EI took her hand as she, dying, cried
^F (oh, oh) ^E

^{Am}"Find him, bind him
Tie him to a pole and break
^FHis fingers to splinters
Drag him to a hole until he
^{Am}Wakes up naked
Clawing at the ceiling
^E (F E)
Of his grave"

^{Am}It took me fifteen years
^{Am}To swallow all my tears
^{Am}Among the urchins in the street ^E
^EUntil a priory
^ETook pity and hired me
^E To keep their vestry nice and neat ^{Am}

^FBut, never once in the employ
^{Am}these holy men
^FDid I ever, once turn my mind
^EFrom the thought of revenge
^F (oh, oh) ^E

^{Am}One night I overheard
^{Am}The prior exchanging words
^{Am}With a penitent whaler from the sea ^E
^EThe captain of his ship
^EWho matched you toe to tip
^E Was known for wanton cruelty ^{Am}

^FThe following day
I shipped to sea
^{Am}With a privateer
^FAnd in the whistle
Of the wind
^EI could almost hear
^F (oh, oh) ^E

^{Am}"Find him, bind him
Tie him to a pole and break
^F

His fingers to splinters

Drag him to a hole until he

Am
Wakes up naked

Clawing at the ceiling

E (**F** **E**)
Of his grave

C **G**
There is one thing I must say to you

C **G**
As you sail across the sea

Am **Em**
Always, your mother will watch over you

F **E**
As you avenge this wicked deed"

Am
And then, that fateful night

Am
We had you in our sight

Am **E**
After twenty months at sea

E
Your starboard flank abeam

E
I was getting my muskets clean

Am
When came this rumbling from beneath

F
The ocean shook

The sky went black

Am
And the captain quailed

F

And before us grew

The angry jaws

E
Of a giant whale

F7 **E7**
(oh.. o0oH)

Am
Don't know how I survived

Am
The crew all was chewed alive

Am **E**
I must have slipped between his teeth

E
But, oh, what providence

E
What divine intelligence

E
That you should survive

Am
As well as me

F
It gives my eye great joy

Am
To see your eyes fill with fear

F
To lean in close

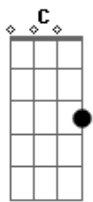
And I will whisper

E
The last words you'll hear

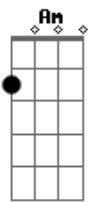
F **E**
(oh, oh)

[Final] **Am** **F** **Am** **E**
F **E** **Am**

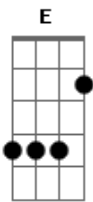
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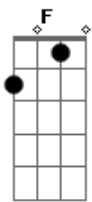
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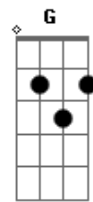
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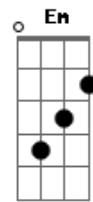
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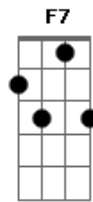
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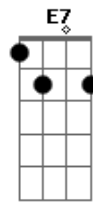
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