

## *The TANKERMAN'S SHANTY*

WELL MY (D) NAME IS OLE (A) HANSEN - I'M FROM (D) BERGEN  
AND I'VE (G) BEEN A SAILOR (D) ALL MY ADULT (A) LIFE  
NOW I (D) NEVER WED - IT'S (A) JUST MY SHIP AND (Bm) I, SIR  
AND TWO (E) HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS MAKES QUITE A (A) WIFE!  
AS A (D) LAD I SAILED AS (A) BOSUN FOR MY (D) UNCLE  
THEN I (G) SPENT ELEVEN (D) YEARS AS MATE WITH (A) SHELL  
I AM (G) FIFTEEN YEARS THE (A) MASTER OF THIS (Bm) VESSEL  
SO WE (E) KNOW THE SEAS AND OCEANS RATHER (A) WELL

BUT YOU (Dm) NEVER HEAR A (A) SONG ABOUT A (Dm) TANKER  
THERE'S JUST (Gm) NO ROMANCE  
IN (F) CRUDE OIL OR IN (A) STEEL  
NO (Dm) ICEBERGS CAUSING (A) PANIC  
AS A- (Dm) BOARD THE OLD "TI- (Gm) TANIC"  
NO (F) PIRATES AND NO (Gm) PARROTS  
NO GHOSTLY (E) HELMSMEN AT THE (A) WHEEL

*YO- (Dm) HO! (I (Bb) THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY (A) USED TO SAY)  
YO (Dm) HO!*

NOW WE WOULDN'T KNOW A TRADE WIND FROM A TRAIN WRECK  
AND "MONSTER WAVES" JUST BOUNCE RIGHT OFF OUR SIDE  
OUR G P S WILL TELL US OUR POSITION  
OUR COMPUTER HELPS US FIND THE SMOOTHEST RIDE  
ONCE WE FLEW THE FLAG OF NORWAY - NOW IT'S CYPRUS  
WE HAVE CREW FROM GREECE, PERU, THE PHILIPPINES  
AT THE BERTH THE CHANDLER BRINGS US OUR SUPPLIES, SIR  
HALF A TON OF RICE AND THIRTEEN KINDS OF BEANS

BUT NO (Dm) NEED FOR MUSIC (A) MUCH AROUND A (Dm) TANKER  
AS OUR (Gm) OWNERS AND THE (F) UNION BOTH (A) AGREE  
SO WE'RE (Dm) DULL AND UNRO- (A) MANTIC  
IN PA- (Dm) CIFIC OR AT- (Gm) LANTIC  
AS OUR (F) SATELLITE NAVI- (Gm) GATOR  
(E) KEEPS US CLEAR OF CHOPPY (A) SEAS

**YO-HO! (I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY USED TO SAY) YO HO!**

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IT'S BEEN NICE TO CHAT BUT NOW IT'S TIME FOR WORK, SIR  
THE PILOT AND THE TUGS ARE ON THE WAY  
WE'VE GOT CLEARANCE FROM THE COAST GUARD AND THE CUSTOMS  
AND I SEE THE LINEMEN WAITING ON THE QUAY  
WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO WEST AFRICA TO LOAD, SIR  
THEN IT'S EASTWARDS TO KOREA ONCE AGAIN  
LOTS OF WHALES ALONG THE ROUTE TO KEEP US COMPANY  
THERE'S A WHITE ONE THAT SWIMS NEAR US NOW AND THEN

BUT YOU STILL WON'T HEAR A SONG ABOUT A TANKER  
ALL THE SHANTYMEN IGNORE US AS A RULE  
THEY WILL SING THEIR LOVELY PHRASES  
IN A GRACEFUL SCHOONER'S PRAISES  
OR RECALL HISTORIC EPISODES  
WHEN MEN AND SEAS WERE CRUEL

(AUDIBLE SIGH)

YO-HO! (I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY USED TO SAY)  
YO HO! (I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT THEY USED TO SAY)  
YO - HO!