

## ***The TUG THUBAN***

COME [G] ALL YOU [AM] DRY-LAND [D] SAIL- [G] ORS  
AND [EM] LISTEN [D] WHILE YOU [G] CAN  
AS I [C] SING ABOUT A [G] TUGMAN'S LIFE  
A- [AM] BOARD THE [G] OLD "THU- [D] BAN"  
SHE [G] TOWS FROM [AM] VINEYARD [D] HA- [G]VEN  
HER [EM] BARGES [D] ROUND THE [G] COAST  
OF [C] ALL THE [D] TUGS I'VE [G] SEEN AND [EM] KNOWN  
I [C] LOVE "THU- [D] BAN" THE [G] MOST!

TO LABOR AS A DECKHAND -  
BELIEVE ME, IT'S NO SPORT!  
THE WORKING HOURS ARE MUCH TOO LONG  
AND THE TIME TO SLEEP TOO SHORT  
YOU'RE ON DECK OR IN THE WHEELHOUSE  
IN RAIN AND SUN AND SNOW  
THEN TRY TO SLEEP WHEN YOUR WATCH IS DONE  
WHILE THE ENGINE THROBS BELOW!

*WELL YOU'RE [B] NOT AN OCEAN [EM] RACER  
OR A [B] BEAUTY OF THE [EM] DEEP  
YOU'RE [C] JUST A LITTLE [G] TUGBOAT  
WHO'S [AM] GOT TO [C] EARN HER [D] KEEP  
YOU [B] TAUGHT ME 'BOUT THE [EM] TUGGING LIFE  
YOU [C] TAUGHT ME ... [D] ABOUT [G] ME:  
MY [C] BLESSINGS [D] ON YOU, [G] BOLD THU- [EM] BAN  
FAIR [C] SKY AND [D] PEACEFUL [G] SEA!*

YOU'LL GET TO KNOW NEW BEDFORD  
WHERE SHE BRINGS HER BARGE TO LOAD  
AND THE CROOKED WOODS HOLE PASSAGE  
WHERE THE BUOYS MARK OUT THE ROAD  
NANTUCKET, BOSTON, NEWPORT -  
SHE MIGHT CALL IN THERE AS WELL  
IF THE YACHT CLUB TYPES DON'T LIKE HER LOOKS  
THEY CAN ALL JUST GO TO ... WELL,

YOU'LL GET TO KNOW THE WEATHER  
AND IT ISN'T ALWAYS NICE  
THE SUMMER SUN WILL SCORCH THE DECK  
AND WITH WINTER COMES THE ICE  
THE SOUTHWEST BREEZE THAT COOLS THE CAPE  
WILL MAKE YOU PITCH AND ROLL  
WHILE THE NORTHEAST GALES OF WINTERTIME  
WILL FREEZE YOUR VERY SOUL

BUT YOU'LL HAVE THOSE BEAUTIFUL EVENINGS  
WHEN THE SOUND IS LIKE A LAKE  
WHEN THERE'S NOT A WAVE ON BUZZARDS BAY  
IT'S LIKE FROSTING ON A CAKE  
THE GOLDEN SKY IS GLORIOUS  
TILL THE DAYLIGHT'S FINALLY GONE  
AND THE LITTLE TUG GOES ABOUT HER WORK  
AS A MILLION STARS LOOK ON

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**SO HERE'S TO YOU, BOLD THUBAN  
AS YOU SAIL THE SOUNDS AND BAYS  
NOT GLAMOROUS OR ROMANTIC  
OR DESIGNED TO WIN MEN'S PRAISE  
JUST A RUSTY LITTLE TUGBOAT  
HAULING BARGES HERE AND THERE  
GODSPEED TO YOU AND YOUR GALLANT CREW  
MAY YOUR WINDS BE ALWAYS FAIR!**