

Study a sea shanty (sailor song)



« Leave Her Johnny » by Sean Dagher

I thought I _____ the Old Man say
_____ her, Johnny, _____ her
Tomorrow ye will get your _____
And it's _____ for us to leave her

Leave her, Johnny, leave her
Oh, leave her, Johnny, leave her
For the _____ is done and the _____ don't blow
And it's _____ for us to leave her

I hate to _____ on this rotten tub
_____ her, Johnny, leave her
No _____ allowed and rotten grub
And it's _____ for us to leave her

Leave her, Johnny, leave her
Oh, leave her, Johnny, leave her
For the _____ is done and the _____ don't blow
And it's _____ for us to leave her

The _____ 's a drunk and the maid is, too
Leave her, Johnny, leave her!
And the _____ is 14 _____ too few
And it's _____ for us to leave her

Leave her, Johnny, leave her
Oh, leave her, Johnny, leave her
For the _____ is done and the _____ don't blow
And it's _____ for us to leave her

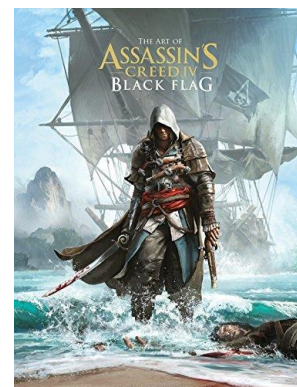
We'd be _____ off in a nice clean _____
Leave her, Johnny, leave her!"
With smuggled-in whores, and smuggled-in ale
And it's _____ for us to leave her

Leave her, Johnny, leave her
Oh, leave her, Johnny, leave her
For the _____ is done and the _____ don't blow
And it's _____ for us to leave her

We swear by rote for _____ of more
Leave her, Johnny, leave her
The _____ is done, so we'll go on _____
And it's _____ for us to leave her

Leave her, Johnny, leave her
Oh, leave her, Johnny, leave her
For the _____ is done and the _____ don't blow
And it's _____ for us to leave her

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Study of « Leave Her Johnny » by Sean Dagher

1. What is this song about ?
2. Who do you think Johnny is ?
3. What does the pronoun « her » refer to? Why ?
4. For what reason(s) did pirates or sailors sing « Leave Her, Johnny » ?
5. Why do you think Sea Shanties were/are so popular ?