

Tom Waits – Shiver Me Timbers

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Verse A

E								
B						0		
G	G	E-	G	C	G	E-	0	
D							0	C, D
A							2	
E							2	G

Verse B

E									2
B								1	3
G	E	0	0	0	A	0	0	0	2
D		2	1	0		2	2	2	C
A	vars.	2	2	2	vars.	4	3	3	D
E		0	0	0		5	5	5	0

Verse 1

I'm leavin' my family, I'm leavin' all my friends
 My body's at home but my heart's in the wind
 Where the clouds are like headlines
 on a new front-page sky.
 Tears all saltwater and the moon's full and high

Verse 2

And I know Martin Eden's gonna be proud of me
 And many before me who've been called by the sea
 To be up in the crow's nest
 Singin' my say
 Shiver me timbers, I'm a -sailin' away

Chorus

And the fog's liftin' and the sand's shiftin'
 And I'm driftin' all night
 Old Captain Ahab ain't got nothin' on me
 So come on and swallow me, don't follow me, I
 travel alone
 Blue water's my daughter
 I'm gonna skip like a stone.

Verse 3

Please call my missus
 Tell her not to cry
 My goodbye is written by the moon in the sky
 And nobody knows me
 I can't fathom my stance
 Shiver me timbers I'm a-sailin' away.

Chorus / Repeat Verse 1