

Last Boat Leaving

Words & Music:
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D Am B7 Em A
Hush my little one don't cry so. You know your daddy was bound to go.
D A Bm F#
They took his pride they took his voice. Don't upset him, now, don't make a noise.
G Gm Bm G
They said, "You're lucky, son, you still got the choice." Last boat leaving.

A D A D A D A D
Don't waste your tears it's not as if I'm in chains
A D A Bm A A7/A# Bm E
I don't want to go, now, it would be better for you, too
A (D/F#- *tacet*)
If you don't look back when we sail. (Last boat leaving, last boat leaving)

Hush, my dear, while I whisper it in your ear.
We're not going to sail tonight, we're going to disappear.
And it feels like punishment, but I don't know what for.
Take care of your mother, son, it's you that she adores.
'Cause no matter how long we sail, we'll never reach the shore.
Last boat leaving.

A D A D A D A D
So, dry your tears, it's not as if I'm in chains.
A D A Bm A A7/A# Bm E
When you go to school, son, you'll read my story in history books,
A D/F# [*tacet*]
Only they won't mention my name (Last boat leaving, last boat leaving)

(A *tacet*) (G *tacet*) (D dim/F# *tacet*)
So, hush now, my darling, my sweet little one.
(A *tacet*) (G *tacet*) (D dim/F# *tacet*)
I hope that you never have to do what I've done. Do you know what I've done?
Am B7 Em A
Why I'm going away? On the last boat leaving this stinking town.
Bm G Bm E
Last boat leaving, it's the last boat leaving.

A# C
You've had my innocence, you've had my heartbreak.
Gm
You've taken the place where I once belonged.
C/E D Bm A# Gm D
Now, what more can you take?