

## Last Boat Leaving

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Hush my little one don't cry so  
You know your daddy's bound to go  
They took his pride  
They took his voice  
Don't upset him now, don't make a noise  
They said "You're lucky son you've still got a choice"  
Last boat leaving  
Don't waste your tears  
It's not as if I'm in chains  
I don't want to go now, it would be better for  
you, too, if I don't look back when we sail

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 a punishment, but I don't know what for  
Take care of your mother, son, it's you that she adores  
'Cos no matter how long we sail we'll never reach the shore  
Last boat leaving

So dry your tears  
It's not as if I'm in chains  
When you go to school, son, you'll read my  
story in history books  
Only they won't mention my name

So hush now, my darling, my sweet little one  
I hope that you never have to do what I've done  
Do you know what I've done?  
Why I'm going away? On the last boat leaving  
this stinking town  
It's the last boat leaving, it's the last boat leaving

You've had my innocence, you've had my heartbreak  
You've taken the place where I once belonged  
Now what more can you take?