He Played His Ukulele As The Ship Went Down  
(Arthur Le Clerq, 1931)

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho  
I'll [F] tell you the tale of the [Bb] Nancy Lee  
A [C7] ship that got ship [F] wrecked at sea  
The bravest man was [Bb] Captain Brown  
And he [C7] [STOP] played his ukulele as the [F] ship went down

[Dm] All the crew were [Bb7] in des [A7] pair  
[Dm] Some rushed here and [G7] others rushed [C7] there  
But the [F] Captain sat in the [Bb] Captain's chair  
And he [C7] played his ukulele as the [F] ship went down [STOP]

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho  
The [F] Bosun said to [Bb] Stoker Jim  
You'll [C7] have to teach me [F] how to swim  
The stoker answered [Bb] with a frown  
We can [C7] [STOP] learn together as the [F] ship goes down

They [Dm] sprung a leak just [Bb7] after [A7] dark  
And [Dm] through the hole came a [G7] hungry [C7] shark  
It [F] bit the skipper near the [Bb] watermark  
And he [C7] played his ukulele as the [F] ship went down [STOP]

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho  
Instrumental - one verse  
[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho  
The [F] Captain's wife was [Bb] on the ship  
And [C7] he was glad she'd [F] made the trip  
As she could swim she [Bb] might not drown  
So he [C7] [STOP] tied her to the anchor as the [F] ship went down

The [Dm] cook's gone mad and the [Bb7] bosun's [A7] lame  
The [Dm] rudder has gone and the [G7] deck's a [C7] flame  
My [F] G-strings snapped but [Bb] all the same  
I shall [C7] play my ukulele when the [F] ship goes down [STOP]

[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho  
And [F] that is the tale of the [Bb] Nancy Lee  
A [C7] ship that got ship [F] wrecked at sea  
And Captain Brown who was [Bb] in command  
[NC] Now plays his ukulele in a Mermaid band! [F] [STOP]  
[NC] Yo ho m'lads yo ho, Yo ho m'lads yo ho

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