

# Last Boat Leaving

Elvis Costello

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 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 gonna sail tonight  
We're gonna 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 Don't waste 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? I'm going away  
On the last boat leaving  
This stinkin' town 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?

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