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 leavingDon'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 sailLast boat leaving
Last boat leavingHush my dear
While I whisper it in your ear
We're not gonna sail tonight
We're gonna disappearAnd 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 shoreLast boat leavingDon'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 nameSo 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' townLast boat leaving
It's the last boat leavingYou'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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