Retirement Song

The Longest Johns

[Solo]
I've been roaming all my life
and now I've found a lady wife
I'm staying,
right here
Oh I won't go sailing anymore
I won't obey the ocean's call
I'm staying,
right here

[All together]
I'll be a man of the land
I'll be a man of the trees
I'll be a man, wherever my woman will be
I won't be any captain's mate
I won't be servant of the seas
'cause this pretty little woman is all I need

[Solo]
At fourteen I was cabin boy
to fearsome captain Buckle Roy
I'm staying,
right here
When I was sick he ordered catonine
until I said that I felt fine
I'm staying,
right here

[All together]
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I'll be a man of the trees
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[Solo]
At twenty I manned our crow's nest
and Captain said I was the best
I'm staying,

right here
but I nearly lost my eyes to God
just looking out for old Cape Cod
I'm staying,
right here

[All together]
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[Solo]
At twenty-five no man alive
could match my skill for gunin'
I'm staying,
right here
But the captain he got drunk one night
and sank the blasted cannon
I'm staying,
right here

[All together]
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I'll be a man of the trees
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[Solo]
Captain died at twenty-eight
and by then I was his first mate
I'm staying,
right here
Oh they tried to give me his command
but I was hungry for the land
I'm staying,
right here

[All together]
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I'll be a man of the trees

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[Solo]
Stepped ashore at Felix Stow
and made for Bristol by the road
I'm staying,
right here
[Slowing] Oh I fell in love when first I saw her
Aven county's finest daughter
And now she's got me staying right here

(HOWAAYY)

[All together]
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[Slowing] 'cause this pretty little woman is all I need

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