

Key: A

Genre: Folk

Harp Type: Diatonic

Skill: Any

# The Ship That Never Returned (hi & lo)

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1 2 3 -3" 2

4 5 6 -6 5

On a sum-mer's day,

-1 1 -2" -2" -3" 4

-4 4 -5 -5 -6 7

While the waves were rip-pling

4 -3" 3 4 -4 4 -3"


7 -6 6 7 -8 7 -6

With a qui-et gen-tle breeze,

3 3 4 4 4 1 1 -2" -2"-3" 4

6 6 7 7 7 4 4 -5 -5 -6 7

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Then a ship set sail with a car-go lad-en

4 -3" 3 3 -3" 2 -1 1

7 -6 6 6 -6 5 -4 4

For a port far be-yond the seas.

4 4 -4-3" -3" -3"

7 7 7 -6 -6 -6

Did she ev-er re-turn?

4 4 4 3 3 3

7 7 7 6 6 6

No she nev-er re-turned,

4 -4 5 3 4 5 -4

7 -8 8 6 7 8 -8

And her fate is still un-learned,

3 3 4 4 4

6 6 7 7 7

Though for years and years

1 1 -2" -2" -3" 4

4 4 -5 -5 -6 7


There were dear ones wait-ing,

4 -3" 3 -3" 2 2 -1 1

7 -6 6 -6 5 5 -4 4

For the ship that nev-er re-turned.

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2. Said a feeble lad  
To his anxious mother,"  
I must cross the wide, wide sea,  
For they say, perchance  
In a foreign climate,  
There is health and strength for me."  
'Twas a gleam of hope  
In a maze of danger  
And her heart for her youngest yearned,  
Yet she sent him forth  
With a smile and blessing  
On the ship that never returned.

Chorus:

3. "Only one more trip",  
Said a gallant seaman,  
As he kissed his weeping wife,  
Only one more purse  
Of that golden treasure  
And 'twill last us all through life.  
Then I'll spend my days  
In my cozy cottage  
And enjoy the rest I've earned;  
But alas! poor man!  
For he sail'd commander  
Of the ship that never returned.

Chorus:

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While a form was yet dis-cerned;  
Though they knew it not,  
'twas a solemn parting  
For the ship, she never returned.

Chorus:

Did she never return?  
She never returned,  
Her fate, it is yet unlearned,  
Though for years and years  
There were fond ones watching,  
Yet the ship she never returned.

## Lyrics

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