

DEAD HORSE

TRAD. SHANTY

SOLO CHORUS SOLO

A POOR OLD MAN CAME RID - ING BY, AND WE SAY SO, AND WE HOPE SO, A

5 CHORUS

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RECITED IN MONOTONE:

O HORSE, O HORSE, WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE,
YOU'VE CARTED STONES FOR MANY A YEAR,
UNTIL WORN OUT WITH SAD ABUSE,
YOU'RE SALTED DOWN FOR SAILOR'S USE

THIS WAS OFTEN USED IN THE HALF DECK BY APPRENTICES
AS A GRACE BEFORE MEAT ON SALT BEEF
OR "SALT HORSE" DAYS

I SAY, OLD MAN, YOUR HORSE WILL DIE,
(AND WE SAY SO, AND WE HOPE SO)
I SAY OLD MAN YOUR HORSE WILL DIE
(OH POOR OLD MAN)

IF HE DIES I'LL TAN HIS HIDE,
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IF HE LIVES, WHY HIM I'LL RIDE
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