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D **A** **G** **A**

I stand in my doorway as the moon rises high

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Over glorious ocean, reflects the bright sky

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My heart it is aching, so much I could die

D **A** **G** **A**

I ve known only the ocean, since I was a boy

CHORUS:

D **A**

And I spent my whole life, out there on the sea

G **A**

Some government bastard now takes it from me

D **A** **D**

It s not just the fish, they ve taken my pride

G **A** **D**

I feel so ashamed that I just want to hide I fished with my father, so long long ago

We were proud of our trade, and in us it did show

We held our heads high, there was lots of fish then

That was the time, when we were proud men

We challenged great storms and sometimes we won

Faced death and disaster, we rose with the sun

We worked and we toiled, we strained our men brane

We were a proud people, will we ere be again?

CHORUS

My father is gone now, and the fish are gone too.

Abused and mis-managed, oh what can we do?

I m too old to change, but what of my sons,

How will they know that we weren t the ones?

DFO regulations permitted the rape

Of our beautiful ocean, from head land to cape

They brought in big trollers, they tore up our twine

Politicians don t care for whats yours or whats mine!

CHORUS

You brave Newfoundlanders, now listen to me

Shove the package to hell, go back to the sea

If we don t stand our ground, we will fade away

And the bones of our fathers will turn into clay

And I spent my whole life, out there on the sea

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I feel so ashamed that I just want to die.

Back to the sea.