

Scorpion Departs But Never Returns

Phil Ochs

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The Scorpion Departs But Never Returns - Phil Ochs

Capo IV

Finger pick the verses, strum chorus

Am

The sailors climb the tree
Up the terrible tree

G

Where are my shipmates
Have they sunk beneath the sea

Am

I do not know much, but I know this cannot be

G

F

It isn t really, it isn t really

E

Tell me it isn t really

The sounding bell is diving down the water green
Not a trace, not a tooth brush, not a cigarette was seen
Bubble ball is rising from a whisper or a scream
But I m not screaming, no I m not screaming
Tell me I m not screaming

Chorus:

C

Bb

Captain will not say how long we must remain

C

Am

Dm7

The phantom ship forever sails the sea

E

It s all the same

Captain, my dear Captain, we re staying down so long
I have been a good man, I ve done nobody wrong
Have we left are ladies for the lyrics of a song

That I m not singing, no I m not singing
Tell me I m not singing

The schooner ship is sliding across the kitchen sink
My son and my daughter, they won t know what to think
The crew has turned to voting, and the officers to drink
But I m not drinking, no I m not drinking
Tell me I m not drinking

Chorus:

The radio is begging them to come back to the shore
All will be forgiven, it will be just like before
All you ve ever wanted will be waiting by your door
We will forgive you, we will forgive you
Tell me, we will forgive you

But no one gives an answer, not even one good-bye
The silence of their sinking is all that they reply
Some have chosen to decay, and others chose to die
But I m not dying, no I m not dying
Tell me I m not dying

Chorus:

repeat verse chords with La Da Da for lyrics