

**White Squall**  
**Stan Rogers**

From: Barrie McCombs

WHITE SQUALL Time: 4/4 Tenor: C Bass: A  
- Stan Rogers, 1982, on: From Fresh Water

1 \* 6m 4  
Now it s just my luck to have the watch, with nothing left to do  
3 \* 2m 5  
But watch the deadly waters glide, as we roll north to the Soo  
1 \* 6m 4  
And wonder when they ll turn again, and pitch us to the rail  
3m 5 1 \*  
And whirl off one more youngster in the gale

1 \* 6m 4  
The kid was so damned eager, it was all so big and new  
3 \* 2m 5  
You never had to tell him twice, or find him work to do  
1 \* 6m 4  
And evenings on the mess deck, he was always first to sing  
3m 5 1 \*  
And show us pictures of the girl he d wed in spring

CHORUS ONE (after verses 1, 3,):

5 57 4 3  
But I told that kid a hundred times, don t take the lakes for granted  
6m 3 2m 5  
They ll go from calm to a hundred knots, so fast they seem en-chanted  
1 \* 6m 4  
But to-night some red-eyed Wiarton girl, lies staring at the wall  
3 5 1 \*  
And her lover s gone in-to a white squall

Now it s a thing that us old-timers know, in a sultry summer calm  
There comes a blow from nowhere, and it goes off like a bomb  
And a sixteen thousand tonner can be thrown upon her beam  
While the gale takes all before it with a scream

The kid was on the hatches, lying staring at the sky  
>From where I stood, I swear I could, see tears fall from his eye  
So I hadn t the heart to tell him, that he should be on a line  
Even on a night so warm and fine



- Underline(\_) = sustain note into next measure

CHORDS (Number System):

- Example:        1        2        3        4        5        6        7

- Key of **C**:     **C**     **D**     **E**     **F**     **G**     **A**     **B**

- Detailed description: /pub/guitar/other\_stuff/numbering\_system.txt

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