

Shoals Of Herring
The Kilkennys

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Credit to spencerfire for most of the chords and structure.

[Intro]

(semi a capella):

A **E A**
With our nets and gear we re faring
 A **D** **A E**
On the wild and wasteful ocean.
 A **D** **A** **E** **A**
It s out there on the deep that we harvest and reap, our bread
 A **D** **E A**
As we hunt the bonny shoals of herring.

[Verse 1]

A **D** **E** **A**
It was on a fair and a pleasant day
 A **E**
Out of Yarmouth harbour I was faring
 A E D **A**
As a cabin boy on the sailing lugger
 A **D** **E A**
For to hunt of bonny the shoals of herring

[Verse 2]

A **D** **E** **A**
Now, the work was hard and the hours were long
 A **E**
And the treatment sure it took some bearing
 A E D **A**
And I used to sleep, standing on my feet
 A **D** **E A**
As I d dreamed about the shoals of herring

[Verse 3]

A **D** **E** **A**
Now, we left the home grounds in the month of June
 A **E**
And to canny Shiels we soon were bearing
 A E D **A**
With a hundred cran of the silver darlings
 A **D** **E A**
That we d taken from the shoals of herring

[Verse 4]

A **D** **E** **A**
Now you re up on deck, you re a fisherman
 A **E**
And you re learning all about seafaring
 A **E** **D** **A**
That s your education, scraps of navigation
 A **D** **E** **A**
And you re following the shoals of herring

[Verse 5]

A **D** **E** **A**
You re net ropeman now, boy you re on the move
 A **E**
You can swear or show a manly bearing
 A **E** **D** **A**
Take your turn on deck with the other fellows
 A **D** **E** **A**
As you re searching for the shoals of herring

[Verse 6]

A **D** **E** **A**
On the stormy seas and the living gales
 A **E**
I earned the gear that I was wearing
 A **E** **D** **A**
Sailed ten-thousand miles, caught ten-million fishes
 A **D** **E** **A**
As we hunted for the shoals of herring

[Outro]

(semi a capella):

A **E** **A**
And it s night and day, we re faring
 A **D** **A** **E**
Come winter wake or winter gales
 A **D** **A** **E** **A**
Sweating or cold, growing up, growing old, or dying
 A **D** **E** **A**
We will hunt the bonny shoals of herring