

28) Fiddler's Green

Words and music John Conolly

As I walked by the dockside one evening so fair
To view the still waters and take in the salt air
I heard an old fisherman singing this song
Oh, take me away boys me time is not long

Wrap me up in me oilskin and jumpers
No more on the docks I'll be seen
Just tell me old shipmates, I'm taking a trip mates
And I'll see you someday in Fiddlers Green

Oh Fiddler's Green is a place I've heard tell
Where the fishermen go if they don't go to hell
Where the weather is fair and the dolphins do play
And the cold coast of Greenland is far, far away

Where the skies are all clear and there's never a gail
And the fish jump on board with a swish on their tail
Where you lie at your leisure, there's no work to do
And the skipper's below making tea for the crew

Now when you're in dock and the long trip is through
There's pubs and there's clubs and there's lassies there too
Where the girls are all pretty and the beer is all free
And there's bottles of rum growing on every tree.

Now I don't want a harp nor a halo, not me
Just give me a breeze and a good rolling sea
I'll play me old squeeze-box as we sail along
With the wind in the riggin' to sing me a song