

The students now have five songs about sailors and the sea:

59. I See the Moon

65. A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea

34. Lukey's Boat

63. I'se the B'y

53. Haul on the Bowlin'

Make up a story with the students' assistance, using the sea songs to illustrate the story or use the story that is given here.

A Sea Story:

Long ago, boys and girls had to go to work when they were very young.

Some boys as young as you might have gone to work as a cabin boy on a sailing ship.

Song #65: A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea

The voyages were long, hard and very dangerous. A cabin boy might not see his family for months or even years. Their mothers might have looked at the moon up in the sky at night and thought about their young sons far away from home watching the same moon.

Song#59: I See the Moon

Sailors all had to work hard. The captain of the ship made them work very hard. The captain would bellow orders at the men.

“Swab the decks!”

“Hoist the sails!”

“Climb the masts!”

Sometimes the sailors used songs to help them do their work. These songs were called sea shanteys.

Song #53: Haul on the Bowlin'

Some sailors would come home and build their own boat. Along the coastlines many fishermen earned their living in small boats.

Song #34: Lukey's Boat

The life of a sailor was hard. When the work was done and the sailor was home with his family and friends, they would sing and dance and remember the time spent at sea.

Song #63: I'se the B'y