SAIL AWAY

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CHORUS:
Sail away, sail away. Johnny's going home today
Sail away, sail away. Johnny's going home

Met him on a fine spring day,
Sailed his ship into our bay
Came ashore and made his way
Said no words of going home.

Chorus

Stole my heart, he stole the key
Gave a promise to love only me
Now he's leaving; he says I'm free
All he thinks of is going home.

Chorus

Think I'll go down to the sea,
Walk along the lonely quay
Now there's nothing left here for me
Lovely Johnny has gone back home.

Chorus

So beware, oh sisters mine,
Of sailor lads so young and fme
Soon they'll leave you 'lone to pine
When they leave to sail back home.

Chorus

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Mary Benson has been a singer in a number of bands and musical groups, including *Broadside* and *St. Elmo's Choir*. She won the Seattle Sea Chanty Festival sea song writing contest with this piece a few years back—a different point of view on the sailor who has a woman in port and a wife back home.

Alas for us all, she has had a series of strokes over the last three years, and is now struggling to regain her speech and voice. Our mutual friend David Ingerson, who is a fme *sean nos* singer in his own right, helped me with the transcription. Mary's friends are trying to assemble a collection of her songs and hope to put out a CD to help with her care. Contact Barbara Millikan (see below) for more information.