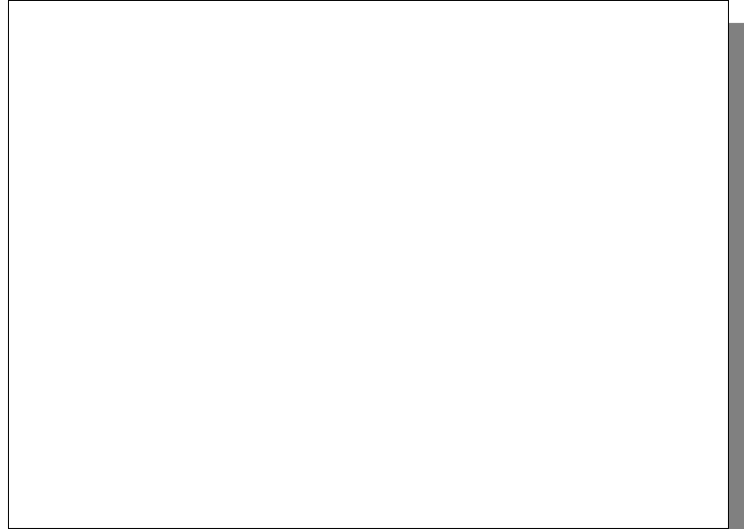


Sea Chanteys

What is a sea chantey? _____



Who sang sea chanteys? _____

Name a couple of reasons why they sang these songs.

What would you include in a sea chantey that you were making up as you sail on the Pacific Ocean, far from home and seeing nothing but water?



Sea Chanteys

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

A HUNDRED YEARS IS A VERY LONG TIME

Ho! Yes, ho!

A HUNDRED YEARS IS A VERY LONG TIME

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

THEY USED TO THINK THAT PIGS COULD FLY

Ho! Yes, ho!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT, NO, NOT !!

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

THEY THOUGHT THE MOON WAS MADE OF CHEESE

Ho! Yes, ho!

YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, IF YOU PLEASE.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

THEY THOUGHT THE STARS WERE SET A-LIGHT

Ho! Yes, ho!

BY SOME GOOD ANGEL EVERY NIGHT.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

A HUNDRED YEARS IS A VERY LONG TIME

Ho! Yes, ho!

A HUNDRED YEARS IS A VERY LONG TIME

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Read the sea chantey on the left.

What words would be very rhythmic and ideal for the seamen who were pulling oars or hauling in heavy rope?

Would singing this song make the drudgery of rowing the ship for days or for hauling in a heavy anchor a bit less tiresome? Why or why not?

Notice the verses are about myths or legends. Think of another legend and write another verse for this chantey.

