

“Have [C] faith in me” the [F] captain cried  
To [G7] this remark the [C] crew re [G7] plied  
[C] “You can trust us [F] Captain Brown  
To [G7] finish off the rum before the [C] ship [F] goes [C] down  
They [Am] shouted “Women and [F] children [E7] first”  
The [Am] engineer came [D7] up and [G7] cursed  
Then [C] all of a sudden his [F] boiler burst  
So he [G7] played his ukulele as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down

[G7] //// [C] / [F]/ [C] //

The [C] mate said “It’s o [F] Kay with me  
The [G7] shipwreck suits me [C] to a [G7] T  
O [C] owe 10 bob to [F] Captain Brown  
And I’ll [G7] never have to pay him if the [C] ship [F] goes [C] down  
The [Am] Captain issued [F] from the [E7] store  
A [Am] cake of soap to [D7] every [G7] four  
And [C] said “Now wash your [F] self ashore  
As I [G7] play me ukulele as the [C] ship [G7] goes [C] down”

[G7] //// [C] / [F]/ [C] //

The [C] Captians wife was [F] on the ship  
And [G7] he was glad she’d [C] made the [G7] trip  
As [C] she could swim she [F] might not drown  
So he [G7] tied her to the anchor as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down.  
They [Am] sprang a leak just [F] after [E7] dark  
And [Am] through the hold came a [D7] hungry [G7] shark  
It [C] bit the skipper near the [F] watermark  
As he [G7] played his ukulele when the [C] ship [F] went [C] down

[G7] //// [C] / [F]/ [C] //

And [C] that is the tale of the [F] Nancy Lee  
The [G7] ship that got ship [C] wrecked at [G7] sea  
And [C] Captain Brown who was [F] in command  
Now [G7] plays a ukulele in the [C] mer-[F]maid [C] band.

[G7] //// [C] / [F]/ [C] //

**He Played his Ukulele as the Ship Went Down**  
**- Arthur Le Clerq 1932**

I'll [C] tell you the tale of the [F] Nancy Lee  
The [G7] ship that go ship [C] wrecked at [G7] sea  
The [C] bravest man was [F] captain Brown  
For he [G7] played his ukulele as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down  
[Am] All the crew were [F] in dis [E7] pair  
[Am] some rushed here and the [D7] others rushed [G7] there  
But the [C] captain sat in the [F] captain's chair  
And he [G7] played his ukulele as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down.

[G7] //// [C] / [F] //[C]//

[The [C] pets on board were [F] all scared stiff  
The [G7] cats meowed and the [C] monkeys [G7] sniffed  
The [C] old green parrot hung [F] upside down  
Saying [G7] "scratch a polly polly" as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down  
The [Am] crow's nest fell and it [F] killed the [E7] crow  
The [Am] starboard watch was [D7] two hours [G7] slow  
But the [C] captian sang " fal [F] doh -dee-oh-doh"  
And he [G7] played his ukulele as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down.

[G7] //// [C] / [F] //[C]//

The [C] Bosun said to [F] stoker Jim  
You'll [G7] have to teach me how [C] to [G7] swim  
The [C] stoker answered [F] with a frown  
[G7] we can learn together as the [C] ship [F] goes [C] down  
The [Am] cook's gone mad and the [F] Bosun's [E7] lame  
The [Am] rudder's gone and the [D7] deck's a [G7] flame  
My [C] G string's flat but [F] all the same  
I shall [G7] play my ukulele when the [C] ship [F] goes [C] dpwn

[G7] //// [C] / [F]/ [C] //