

62 Spurn Point - Mr Leatherday

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1
Come all good people pray listen a while,
a dreadful story unto you I'll tell
of a vessel called the Industry,
was lost all on the raging sea.

2
Seven o'clock one Sunday night
a ship struck ground all on Spurn Point.
The swelling waves ran mountain high;
in a dreadful state that ship did lie.

3
When on shore we came to know,
to their assistance we did go.
We manned the lifeboat stout and brave,
expecting every poor soul to save.

4
We hailed to the captain who stood in view;
'We come to save you and your ship's crew'.
'I want no help, no help,' he cried.
'For we shall get off the next high tide'.

5
'Heave us a rope,' once more we cried,
'at the stern of your ship we may ride.'
'I want no help, no help,' he cried,
'I'll bid you move off immediately' *

6
Then in the space of an hour or more
the lifeboat's crew reached the shore,
and watched her till eleven at night,
whilst in distress they hoisted a light.

7
Once more into our lifeboat we got
and hastened to the fatal spot.
Before we reached the fated crew
the light disappeared from our view.

8
At length we heard one poor man cry,
'For God's sake, help me or I shall die.'
My shipmates gone, and so must I,
and down he sunk immediately. *

9
Now the captain hadn't been so obstinate;
They might have got into our lifeboat,
all hands they might as well have been saved,
and have kept them from a watery grave.

* RVW's words here are both unreadable, but 'immediately'
makes sense, and can be made to rhyme.
Roy Harper does the same in *Bushes and Briars*.
He appears to have written 'in a momently' in both cases.