

It Ain't Easy

Arr. for mixed voices
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La la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la dmm dmm

It was dark when we boar-ded we had to feel our way

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Dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm la la la la

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dmm dmm dmm dmm la la la la la la dmm

scrimped and saved and worked so hard and suff-ered for this day And we

scrimped and saved and worked so hard and suff-ered for this day And we

la la la la la la la dmm dmm la la la la dmm

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dmm dmm dmm dmm la la la la la la la dmm dmm d'dmm

rocked with the tide and we cried with the gulls just the clothes were stand-ing in

rocked with the tide and we cried with the gulls just the clothes we're stand-ing in

la la la la dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm dmm d'dmm

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la la la la Laaaa It ai-n't ea - sy leav - in' your
 no val - ua - bles It ai-n't ea - sy leav - in' your
 no valua - bles ea - sy leav - in' your

Dmm dmm la la la la Laa

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home - land all those valleys and moun tains and ri - vers and all of those
 home - land all those valleys and moun tains and ri - vers and all of those
 home - land valleys and moun - tains rivers and all those

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big skies No it ain't ea - sy leav - ing your home town
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— The place where you've grown all the people you've known and the

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— place you've grown people you've known the

place you've grown people you've known the

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roots you've set down _____ it ain't ea - sy

roots you've set down _____ it ain't ea - sy

roots you've set down hmmm _____ it ain't ea - sy

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It was dark when we boarded
We had to feel our way.
Scrimped and saved and worked so hard
and suffered for this day.
And we rocked with the tide
and we cried with the gulls.
Just the clothes we're standing in,
no valuables.

(Ch)

It ain't easy, leaving your homeland
all those valleys and mountains
and rivers and all of those big skies.
No it ain't easy leaving your home town
the place where you've grown
all the people you've known
and the roots you've set down
It ain't easy.

We huddled close together
to keep each other warm.
You held my hand so tightly
you were fearful of the storm.
No words passed between us,
there was nothing to say
We were waiting for the morning, waiting for a new day.

(Ch)

(Violin/instrumental break)

The waves crashed down upon us
we slipped and we fell
all our hopes and dreams
were stolen by the swell.
Out in the distance
a bright light, then a horn
- had someone come to rescue us and save us from the storm?

When you're sitting on your sofa
watching 24 hour news
remember this is not a life that anyone would choose.
When you've run out of choices
and you're fearful for your life
you'll climb aboard a vessel with
no engine, no sails, no oars, no captain, no crew, 'cause when you're desperate that's what you do

(Ch)