

Retirement Song

By Josh Bowker (ca 2013) formerly of the Longest Johns. Contrary to the common themes of most sailing songs, like 'Go to Sea No More' this song explores the idea of just staying home.

I've been roaming all my life and now I've found a lady wife
I'm staying... *right here!*
Oh I won't go sailing any more I won't obey the ocean's call
I'm staying... *right here!* <continue throughout verses>

Chorus

I'll be a *man of the land*
I'll be a *man of the trees*
I'll be a *man wherever my woman will be*
I won't be any *captain's mate*
I won't be *servant of the seas*
'Cause this *pretty little woman is all I need*

At 14 I was cabin boy to fearsome Captain Buckleroy
When I was sick he ordered cat o' nine until I said that I felt fine

At 20 I manned our crow's nest and captain said I was the best
But I almost lost my eyes to God just lookin' out for old Cape Cod

At 25 no man alive could match my skill for gunnin'
But the captain he got drunk one night and broke the blasted cannon

Captain died at 28 and by then I was his first mate
Oh they tried to give me his command but I was hungry for the land

I stepped ashore at Felixtowe and made for Bristol by the road
Oh I fell in love <slow> when first I saw her Avon County's finest
daughter
And *now she's got me staying right here!*

Chorus X2