

## **BALLAD OF JOHN WILLIAMS (THE TITANIC SONG)**

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When last I saw John Williams, a young man full of pride  
To have his bride of just four days stand shining by his side  
He laughed and slapt me on the back, said "Boy, oh can't you see?  
I've seen the last of windswept barks and barks the last of me"!

### **Koorrefrein:**

Rich man, poor man, beggar man and wife  
Sailed away into the night  
Where they'll land up no-one knows  
Round and round the story goes

He said "My friend I'll take my chance in far off New York Town  
They say there's lots of work there and a good man won't stay down  
More with my lassie by my side we'll build a better home  
And when the sea trip's over land we never more will roam"

### **Koorrefrein**

How I envied you, John Williams, and your lovely fair haired bride  
To be sailing on that mighty ship across the ocean wide  
For she's the finest liner, that was ever built by man  
And they say there's naught can sink her, no not even God's own hand  
Man's pride can be his own downfall, that great ship sailed from home  
And I thought I heard the banshee's cry..... that chilled me to the bone

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**Shantyman:** (vertragend) Round and around the icebergs flow.