

# Sea shanties and ditties

**Sea shanties** were songs commonly sung by sailors to synchronise their work, such as pulling up the anchor, or washing the decks.

**Ditties** are lighthearted, short songs which are often witty or humorous.

Which of the following are shanties or ditties?

Tick tock, tick tock  
Here comes the enemy  
A wide mouthed croc.

Walk the plank  
And down you go  
To feed the fishes  
Far below

Heave ho! Heave ho!  
Weigh the anchor  
Slow! Slow! Slow!

Tick tock! tick tock!  
Can you hear the ticking  
Of the crocodile clock?

I loved the taste of your arm, Captain Hook  
I loved the taste of your arm.  
Please give me your other, my dear Captain Hook  
I really don't mean any harm

Climb the rigging to the top.  
Climbing, climbing. Do not stop!  
Climb the rigging, starting low.  
Climbing, climbing. Here we go!

Scrub! Scrub!  
Rub! Rub! Rub!  
The decks are awash  
As we scour and swab.

