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## Men of Worth

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(Archie Fisher)

Leave the land behind, laddie, better days to find  
The companies have the money and they'll soon teach you the skills  
Green fields fall away, the forties and the brae  
Be a madman or a roustabout, they'll soon teach you to drill

But who will tend me sheep when I'm far o'er the deep?  
(Amanertune) or the sea quest when the snow comes to the hill  
La ....

Leave the fishing trade, lads, there's money to be made  
The hand-line and the Shetland yawl are of a bygone day  
Come to Aberdeen; sights you've never seen!  
Be a welder on the pipeline or a fitter out on the bay

But when the job is over and your boat rots on the shore  
How will you feed your family when the companies go away?  
La ....

There's harbors to be built, lads, rigs to tow and tilt  
To rest upon the ocean bed like pylons in the sea  
Pipeline to be laid and a hundred different trades  
That'll pay a decent living wage to the likes of you and me

I know you're men of worth; you're the best that's in the north  
Not men of greed, but men who need the work that's come your way  
From (fluppatemunke) shore a new industry is born  
Old Peterhead and Pomerty will never be the same

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