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CHORUS: G C

We parted on the shore, we parted on the shore

D7 G

I said, "Goodbye, my love, I'm bound for Baltimore."

G C

I kissed her on the cheek, and the crew began to roar

D G

Cheerio, dearie-o, we parted on the shore.

G(D+5 D G D C D G

Now it's years and years and years and years and years and years and years

G A D(A+5

Since I left my bonnie lassie on the shore

a(e+5E7(B7+5a(" a(" E(" a("

I never will forget that day she cried so many tears

A A7 D(normal then arpeggio to A+5

I'd never seen so many tears before

D7(A+5 A D

C G(D+5

She asked me if I'd think of her, and I said perhaps I would

G A D(A+5

But I'd often broke my promises before

D7(A7+5 G(D+5 D7(" G("

And then she stood, and sat and slept, and then began to weep

C D7 G

And when I saw that, we parted on the shore

D A

INTERLUDE: And a tear fell gently from her eyes

RECITATIVO: Yes it did. And it nearly drowned a small dog who was standing
at her foot at the time.

Chorus

So for years and years and years and years, and years and years and years

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I sailed away across the raging main
And often I'd lie in my bunk and hope, and hope and hope and hope
And hope to never see her face again
Now the more I'd lie in my bunk and hope, I'd lie in my bunk and hope
I'd lie in my bunk and hope, and hope some more
And then the tears would start and stop, and then begin to roll
Just like the waves that roll upon the shore

Chorus

So for years and years and years and years, and years and years and years
I never have done anything but hope
Until one day I went to the upper deck to wash my face
And the captain swore I'd tried to eat the soap
So he took me to his cabin and he had me drink a drink
A drink of drink I'd never drunk before
And when I drank that drink of drink the captain had me drink
I thought of her I'd left upon the shore

Chorus (twice)

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