

Let the Mermaids Flirt with Me

by Mississippi John Hurt (1966)

C *G* *C* *C7* *F* *F* *C* *C7*
Blues all on the ocean, blues all in the air;
F *F* *C* *C D* *D* *G* *G7*
Can't stay here no longer, I have no steamship fare.
C *G* *C* *C7* *F* *F* *C* *C7*
When my earthly trials are over, cast my body out in the sea;
F *F* *C* *C* *G* *G7* *C* *G7*
Save on the undertaker bill - let the mermaids flirt with me!

I do not work for pleasure; earthly peace I'll see no more;
The only reason I work at all is to drive the wolf from my door.
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My wife controls our happy home; my sweetheart I cannot find.
The only thing I can call my own is a troubled and a worried mind.
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Blues all in my body; my darlin' has forsaken me.
If I ever see her face again, have to travel 'cross the sea.
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