

When The Shantyboy Comes Down

As sung by Jim Doherty

Recorded by Edith Fowke in 1957

The musical score is written in 6/8 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. Chord symbols (Am, C, G) are placed above the staff to indicate the accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'When the shan - ty boy come down in his poc - ket fif - ty pounds, he will look a - round some pret - ty girl to find If he finds her not too shyb With a dark and rov - ing eye, then the shan - ty boy is well pleased in his mind.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Am C

When the shan - ty boy come down in his poc - ket fif - ty

G C G

4 pounds, he will look a - round some pret - ty girl to find If he

Am C G

8 finds her not too shyb With a dark and rov - ing eye, then the

C G Am

12 shan - ty boy is well pleased in his mind.

When the landlady comes in
She is neat and very trim
She is like an evening star
If she finds him in good trim
She is always ready to wait on him,
And from one to two they'll sit out in the bar

So the shanty boy goes on
Till his money is all gone
And the landlady begins to fret.
Then he says, "My lady do not fret, I will pay my honest
debt
And bid adieu to the girl I had in town."

There's a gang in command,
So the old folks understand
And it's to the back woods they are bound
With a bottle and a song,
They will shove their old canoe along,
Bid adieu to the girl I had in town.