

# Pirate Sea Shanties

Sea shanties are a type of song that is 500 years old.

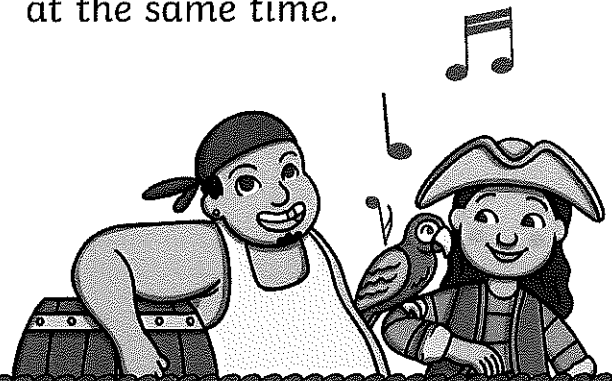
Sea shanties were working songs on a ship at sea.

Sailors and pirates often had to work together as one to control the ship by hand.

They sang shanties to do things like lifting sails up the mast.

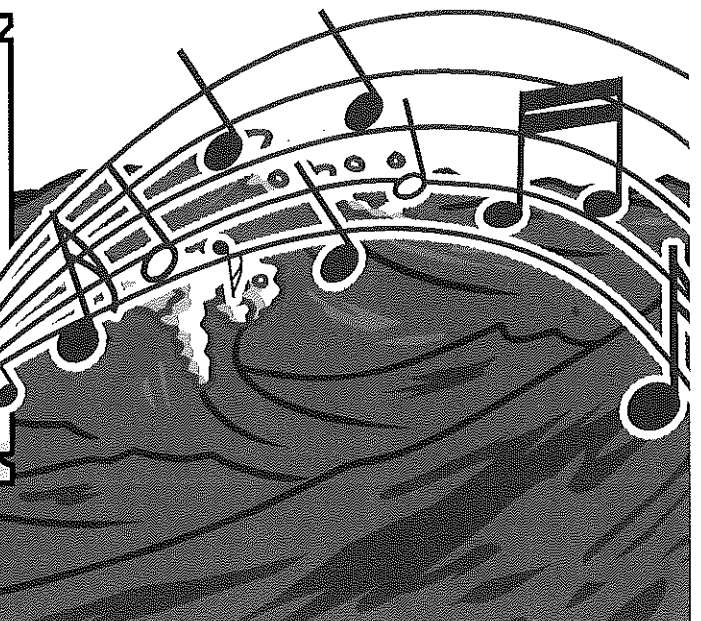


A sailor called a shantyman would often sing the first part. The crew would sing the second part as they pushed or pulled at the same time.



'Soon May the Wellerman Come' is a popular old sea shanty. It is over 100 years old. Here is part of the song.

Soon may the Wellerman come,  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum,  
One day, when the tonguing is done,  
We'll take our leave and go.



# Questions

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- 100 years old
- 200 years old

2. Who sang sea shanties? Tick one.

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- sailors and pirates
- soldiers and sailors

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- the captain
- the shantyman

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