

The Mariner's Revenge Song - The Decemberists // 2005 // key: Am

Intro: **Am**

1. **Am** We are two mariners, **Am** our ships' sole survivors **E** Am in this belly of a whale
E Its ribs our ceiling beams, **E** its guts our carpeting **E** I guess we have some time to kill **Am**
Am You may not remember me, **Am** I was a child of three and you a lad of eighteen **E**
E But I remember you and **E** I will relay to you **E** how our histories interweave **Am**
F At the time you were a rake and a roustabout **Am**
F Spending all your money on the whores and hounds, oh **E F- E**

2. **Am** You had a charming air, **Am** all cheap and debonair, **Am** my widowed mother found so sweet **E**
E And so she took you in, **E** her sheets still warm with him **E** now filled with filth and foul disease **Am**
F As time wore on you proved a debt-ridden drunken mess **Am**
F Leaving my mother a poor consumptive wretch, oh **E F- E**

3. **Am** And then you disappeared, **Am** your gambling arrears, **Am** the only thing you left behind **E**
E And then the magistrate **E** reclaimed our small estate **E** and my poor mother lost her mind **Am**
F Then one day in spring my dear sweet mother died **Am**
F But before she did I took her hand as she dying cried, oh **E F- E**

Dm **Dm**
Chorus: "Find him, bind him, tie him to a pole and break his
Am **Am**
Fingers to splinters, drag him to a hole until he
Dm **Dm** **E** **F-E**
Wakes up naked, clawing at the ceiling of his grave"

Interlude: | **Am** | **Am-Am-Am-G** | **Am** | **Am-Am-Am-G** | **Am*** |

4. **Am** It took me fifteen years **Am** to swallow all my tears **Am** among the urchins in the street **E**
E Until a priory **E** took pity and hired me **E** To keep their vestry nice and neat **Am**
F But never once in the employ of these holy men **Am**
F Did I ever once stir my mind from the thought of revenge, oh **E F- E**

5. **Am** One night I overheard **Am** the prior exchanging words **Am** with a penitent whaler from the sea **E**
E The captain of his ship **E** who matched you toe to tip **E** was known for wanton cruelty **Am**
F The following day I shipped to sea with a privateer **Am**
F And in the whistle of the wind I could almost hear, oh **E F- E**

Dm **Dm**
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C* **G*** **C*** **G***
 Bridge: "There is one thing I must say to you as you sail across the sea
Am* **Em*** **F*** **E***
 Always your mother will watch over you as you avenge this wicked deed"

Solo: [slower... sailing waltz vibes] **Dm** | **Am** | **Dm** | **E** |
Dm	**Am**	**Dm**	**E**
Dm	**Am**	**Dm**	**E**
Dm	**Am**	**Dm**	**E**

6. **Am** [quietly grim] And then that fateful night **Am** we had you in our sight **Am** after twenty months at sea **E**
E Your starboard flank a beam, I was getting my muskets clean **E** when came this rumbling from beneath **Am**
F [louder, more intense, rumbling] The ocean stirred the sky went black and the captain quailed **Am**
F **F** **E** **F- E**
 And before us grew the angry jaws of a giant whale, [add background sounds: 🌊👹👹👹] oh

7. [back to normal]
Am **Am** **Am** **E**
 Don't know how I survived, the crew all was chewed alive, I must have slipped between his teeth
E **E** **E** **Am**
 But oh what providence, what divine intelligence that you should survive as well as me
F **F** **Am**
 It gives my heart great joy to see your eyes fill with fear
F **F** **E** **F- E**
 So lean in close and I will whisper the last words you'll hear, oh

Outro: [solo the chorus melody and play faster each round, start with solo only first the first bar]

Dm	**Dm**	**Am**	**Am**	**Dm**	**Dm**	**E**	**F-E**
Dm	**Dm**	**Am**	**Am**	**Dm**	**Dm**	**E**	**F-E**
Dm	**Dm**	**Am**	**Am**	**Dm**	**Dm**	**E**	**F-E**
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