

# Down by the Dockyard Wall

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## Chorus

**G** **C**  
Down by the dockyard wall. I will wait for you,  
**Am** **D**  
As you come across that walk ashore. in your suit of blue,  
**G** **C**  
My love for you will never change my heart is always true,  
**G** **D** **G**  
Down by the dockyard wall I will wait for you.

**C**  
Just a boy of 17 he said farewell to home,  
**Am** **D**  
To sail across the mighty sea so far away to roam,  
**G** **C**  
She said that she would wait for him 'til he returned again,  
**G** **D** **G**  
As the anchor chain came up and down he heard this soft refrain

## Chorus

**C**  
Around the world he traveled beneath the ensign high,  
**Am** **D**  
He saw the South Sea's flying fish the starless arctic sky,  
**G** **C**  
But in his heart a-pining for someone so far away,  
**G** **D** **G**  
As the bow wave split the cool night air he heard the lee wind say

## Chorus

**G** **C**  
Home again and the good times came her arms were open wide,  
**Am** **D**  
He held her safely close to him and she walked by his side,  
**G** **C**  
But dark clouds soon filled up the sky the sea, it beckoned on,  
**G** **D** **G**  
'Til once again a sad farewell a young girl stands alone.

## Chorus

**G** **C**  
But that's a long, long time ago now there's a picture in a frame,  
**Am** **D**  
There's tears shed every Christmas for the memories still the same,  
**G** **C**  
And if the young man in the photograph could hear what she has to say,  
**G** **D** **G**  
He'd likely join her in the words she sings them every day

## Chorus x2

**C** **G** **D** **C** **G**  
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