## Sonny (Merlin) Emmylou Harris, Mary Black, and Dolores Keane

| D | 1 2 1 1~1  | 6    | 6    | 5     | 4    | 1     | 1 2  | 2                | 4 2   | 2    | 1     |
|---|--|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------------------|-------|------|-------|
| A | 0 1 2 0 1 2  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
| D |  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
|   | Oh, Sonny don't go away, I am here all alone your d          | lado | ly's | the   | e sa | ilor  | nev  | er               | com   | es   |       |
| D | 0 4~4 5 5 4 5 6~6 4 4 2 1 4 2                                | 4    | 4    | 2     | 1    | 1     | 1    |                  | 1     |      |       |
| A | A  |      |      |       |      | 2     | 2    |                  |       | 2    | 1     |
| D |  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
|   | The nights get so long, and the silence goes on, and I'm fee | elin | g s  | o ti  | red, | , I'm | not  | al               | 1 tha | t st | rong. |
| D | 0 1 2 1 2 6 6  | 5    | 4    | 1     | 1    | 2     | 4 2  | 2                | 1     |      |       |
| A | 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 2  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
| D |  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
|   | Sonny lives on a farm on a wide open space Kick off          | `yo  | ur s | sho   | es s | on,   | stay | ou               | ıt of | the  | race  |
| D | 5 5 4 5 6~6 4 4 5 4 4 4 5 4                                  | . ۱  | 4    | 2     | 4    | 4     | 4    | Ļ                | 2     | 1    |       |
| A | Λ  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
| D |  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
|   | Lay down your head by the soft river bed. Sonny still can    | ren  | nen  | ıbe   | r th | e wo  | ords | hi               | is Ma | ama  | said  |
| D | 1 2 1 1~1  | 6    | 6    | 5     | 4    | 1     | 1 2  | 2                | 4 2   | 2 1  | 1     |
| A | 0 1 2 0 1 2  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
| D |  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
|   | Oh, Sonny don't go away, I am here all alone your d          | lado | ly's | the   | e sa | ilor  | nev  | er               | com   | es   |       |
| D | 0 4~4 5 5 4 5 6~6 4 4 2 1 4 2                                | 4    | 4    | 2     | 1    | 1     | 1    |                  | 1     |      |       |
| A |  |      |      |       |      | 2     | 2    |                  |       | 2    | 1     |
| D |  |      |      |       |      |       |      |                  |       |      |       |
|   | The nights get so long, and the silence goes on, and I'm fee | alin | σ C  | a tii | rad  | I'm   | not  | - <sub>0</sub> 1 | 1 tho | t at | rong  |

The nights get so long, and the silence goes on, and I'm feeling so tired, I'm not all that strong.

| D               | 1       | 2          |            |                   |            |            |        | 1    | 2     |      |            |        |             |                   | 6                  | 6              | 5      | 4        | 1    | 1    |     | 2     | 4     | 2    | 1    |   |
|-----------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------|------|-------|------|------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|----------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|------|------|---|
| A               |         | (          | ) (        | )                 | 1          | 2          |        |      |       | 0    | 0          | 1      | 2           |                   |                    |                |        |          |      |      |     |       |       |      |      |   |
| D               |         |            |            |                   |            |            |        |      |       |      |            |        |             |                   |                    |                |        |          |      |      |     |       |       |      |      |   |
|                 | So      | onny       | wo         | rks               | on '       | the        | lan    | d tl | hou   | gh h | ie's l     | oarely | y a m       | an                | no                 | t m            | uch    | to       | do,  | he o | doe | s ju  | ist w | vhat | he   |   |
| D               | 5       | 5          | 4          | 5                 | (          | 6 6        | 5 5    | 5    | 4     | 4    | 2          | 1      | 4           | 4                 | 1 5                | , 4            | 1      | 4        | 2    | 4    | 4   | ļ     |       |      |      |   |
| A               |         |            |            |                   |            |            |        |      |       |      |            |        |             |                   |                    |                |        |          |      |      |     |       | 2     | 1    |      |   |
| D               |         |            |            |                   |            |            |        |      |       |      |            |        |             |                   |                    |                |        |          |      |      |     |       |       |      |      |   |
|                 | Sit     | s by       | the        | win               | do         | w ii       | ı hi   | s ro | oom   | by   | the        | stairs | ,           | wato              | ches               | the            | wa     | ves      | ger  | ıtly | wa  | sh (  | on t  | he p | ier. |   |
| D               | 1       | 2          | 1          |                   |            |            | 1      | 2    | 1     |      |            |        |             | 1                 | <b> ~1</b>         | 6              | 6      | 5        | 4    | 1    | 1   | 2     | 4     | 2    | 1    |   |
| A               |         |            |            | 0                 | 1          | 2          |        |      |       | 0    | 1          | 2      |             |                   |                    |                |        |          |      |      |     |       |       |      |      |   |
| D               |         |            |            |                   |            |            |        |      |       |      |            |        |             |                   |                    |                |        |          |      |      |     |       |       |      |      |   |
|                 | Ol      | 1, So      | onny       | doı               | ı't ş      | go a       | ıwa    | ıy,  | I an  | he   | re al      | l aloı | ne          | У                 | our                | dad            | dy's   | the      | e sa | ilor | ne  | ver   | con   | nes  |      |   |
| D               | 4~      | <b>-4</b>  | 5          | 5 4               |            | 5 6        | · ~    | 6    | 1     | 1    | 7 1        | 1      |             | 1                 | 1 2                | 4              | 4      | 2        | 1    | 1    |     | 1     | 1     |      |      |   |
|                 |         |            | •          |                   | •          | ,          | ,      | U    | 7     | 4    | <i>Z</i> , | L      |             | 7                 | -                  | _              |        | _        | -    | _    |     | _     |       |      |      |   |
| A               |         |            |            | <u> </u>          |            | <i>5</i> ( | ,      | U    |       | 4    | <u> </u>   | L      |             |                   | <u> </u>           |                |        |          |      |      | 2   |       |       | 2    | 1    | - |
| A<br>D          |         |            |            |                   |            |            |        |      |       | 4    | <u> </u>   | L      |             | 7                 |                    |                |        | <u>-</u> |      |      | 2   |       |       | 2    | 1    | - |
| D               | The     | nig        |            |                   |            |            |        |      |       |      |            | goes ( | on, ai      |                   |                    | eelir          | ıg s   |          |      |      |     | ot al | ll th |      |      |   |
| D               | The 1   | nig        |            |                   |            |            |        |      |       |      |            |        | on, aı      | nd I'             | 'm fe              | eelir          | ng s   |          |      |      |     | ot al | ll th |      |      |   |
| D               | 1       |            |            |                   |            | ong        | , ar   |      |       |      |            |        |             | nd I'             | 'm fe              | eelin          | ng s   |          |      |      |     | ot al | ll th |      |      |   |
| D<br>D          | 1       |            | hts į      | get s             | o le       | ong        | , ar   |      |       |      |            |        |             | nd I'             | 'm fe              |                | ng s   |          |      |      |     | ot al | ll th |      |      |   |
| D D A           | 1       | 2          | hts a      | get s             | 0 le       | ong        | , ar   | nd t | the s |      |            |        | 1           | nd I'             | 'm fe              | 0              |        | o ti     | red, |      |     | ot al | ll th |      |      |   |
| D D A           | 1       | 2          | hts a      | get s             | o le       | ong        | es to  | nd t | the s |      |            |        | 1           | nd I'             | 'm fe              | 0              |        | o ti     | red, |      |     | ot al | II th |      |      |   |
| D<br>A<br>D     | 1       | 2          | hts a      | get s  0  undr    | o le       | ong        | es to  | nd t | the s |      |            |        | 1           | nd I'             | 'm fe              | 0<br>ever      |        | o ti     | red, |      |     | ot al | II th |      |      |   |
| D A D           | An 2    | 2 d it's 2 | 0<br>s a h | get s  0  undr    | 1 ed 1     | ong        | ees to | nd t | wn,   |      |            |        | 1<br>S<br>1 | onny              | 'm fe              | 0<br>ever<br>2 | bee 1  | o tin    | red, | I'm  |     | ot al | II th |      |      |   |
| D A D A A A     | An 2    | 2 d it's 2 | 0<br>s a h | get s  0  undr    | 1 ed 1     | ong        | ees to | nd t | wn,   |      |            |        | 1<br>S<br>1 | onny              | 'm fe              | 0<br>ever<br>2 | bee 1  | o tin    | red, | I'm  |     | ot al | II th |      |      |   |
| D A D A A A     | An 2    | 2 d it's 2 | 0<br>s a h | get s  0  undr  6 | 1 ed 1 the | ong mile 4 | ees to | nd t | wn,   |      |            |        | 1 S 1       | onny              | 'm fe 2 0 y's ne 4 | 0 ever 2       | beee 1 | o tin    | red, | I'm  |     | ot al | II th |      |      |   |
| D A D A D       | And And | 2 d it's   | 0<br>s a h | get s  0  undr  6 | 1 ed 1 the | ong mile 4 | ghv    | nd t | wn,   |      |            |        | 1 S 1       | nd I'  2  onny  2 | 'm fe 2 0 y's ne 4 | 0 ever 2       | beee 1 | o time   | red, | I'm  |     | ot al | II th |      |      |   |
| D A D A D D A D | And And | 2 d it's   | 0<br>s a h | get s  0  undr  6 | 1 ed 1 the | ong mile 4 | ghv    | nd t | wn,   |      |            |        | 1 S 1       | nd I'  2  onny  2 | 'm fe 2 0 y's ne 4 | 0 ever 2       | beee 1 | o time   | red, | I'm  |     | ot al | II th |      |      |   |

| D | 1 1 4 4 2 4 4 4 2 4 4   |
|---|---|
| A | 2 1   |
| D |   |
|   | Oh, but he still dreams his dreams full of silver and gold  |
| D | 1 2 1 1 2 1 1~1 6 6 5 4 1 1 2 4 2 1   |
| A | 0 1 2 0 1 2   |
| D |   |
|   | Oh, Sonny don't go away, I am here all alone your daddy's the sailor never comes                    |
| D | 4~4 5 5 4 5 6~6 4 4 2 1 4 2 4 4 2 1 1 1 1   |
| A | 2 2 1   |
| D |   |
|   | The nights get so long, and the silence goes on, and I'm feeling so tired, I'm not all that strong. |
| D | 1 2   |
| A | 0 0 1 2 0 0 1   |
| D |   |
|   | Sonny's dreams can't be real, they're just stories he's read  |
| D | 6 6 5 4 1 1 2 4 2 1   |
| A | 2~2   |
| D |   |
|   | They're just stars in his eyes, they're just dreams in his head                                     |
| D | 4 4 5 5 4 5 6 5 4 4 2 4   |
| A |   |
| D |   |
|   | And he's hungry inside for the wide world outside   |
| D | 4 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1   |
| A | 2 2 1   |
| D |   |

And I know I can't hold him

though I've tried and I've tried

| D | 1 2 1 1 2 1  | 1~1 6 6 5 4 1 1 2 4 2 1                            |
|---|--|--|
| A | 0 1 2 0 1 2  |  |
| D |  |  |
|   | Oh, Sonny don't go away, I am here all alone       | your daddy's the sailor never comes                |
| D | 4~4 5 5 4 5 6~6 4 4 2 1                            | 4 2 4 4 2 1 1 1 1                                  |
| A |  | 2 2 1  |
| D |  |  |
|   | The nights get so long, and the silence goes on, a | and I'm feeling so tired, I'm not all that strong. |
| D | 1 2  | 1 2  |
| A | 0 0 1 2  | 0 0 1 2  |
| D |  |  |
|   | Many years have passed on,                         | Sonny's old and alone                              |
| D | 6 6 5 4 1  | 2 4 2 1  |
| A | 2~2  |  |
| D |  |  |
|   | His daddy the sailor                               | never came home                                    |
| D | 5 5 4 5 6  | 6 5 4 4 2 1  |
| A |  |  |
| D |  |  |
|   | Sometimes he wonders                               | what his life would have been                      |
| D | 4 4 5 4  | 4 2 4 4  |
| A |  | 2 1  |
| D |  |  |
|   | But from the grave                                 | Mama still haunts his dreams                       |
| D | 1 2 1 1 2 1  | 1~1 6 6 5 4 1 1 2 4 2 1                            |
| A | 0 1 2 0 1  |  |
| D |  |  |

Oh, Sonny don't go away, I am here all alone. Your daddy's the sailor never comes home.

| D | 4~4 5 5 4 5 6 5 4 4 2 4 | 4 2 4 4 2 1 | 1 1 | 1   |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| A |                         |             | 2   | 2 1 |
| D |                         |             |     |     |

The nights get so long, and the silence goes on and I'm feeling so tired, I'm not all that strong.

| D | 1 2     |
|---|---------|
| A | 0 0 1 2 |
| D |         |

Sonny don't go away

(Songwriter: Ron Hynes; these lyrics adapted by Donal O' Shaughnessy)