

The Tugboat Song

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The women are not always left behind when the men go to sea. Inge Wessels, a warm and witty German woman, makes her living cooking on a tugboat which hauls barges along the Northwest coastal waters. This is her song about her "adventures".

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of ten staves. The lyrics are written in a cursive script below the notes. Chords are indicated by letters (C, F, G7) above or below the notes. The score includes a chorus section starting with the word 'Chorus' written below the staff.

I looked for ad-ven-ture and went to the sea. I
didn't know what was in store there for me. Now
I wish I could get my-self off the hook, 'cause I've
had blood-y well e-nough as tug-boat cook.
Chorus
Roll-ing, Roll-ing, Roll-ing. Eve-ry-thing is
roll-ing. Roll-ing the sea and poor little me, for
God's sake, why am I a tug-boat cook?

We went to Gold River, and rounded Cape Scott,
I cooked a big pot of stew to feed my lot,
But when we had dinner, my crew gave me heck,
'Cause this lovely stew was spread all over the deck. CHORUS

And if the good fairy comes ever to me,
In my cramped little cabin on this awful, rough sea,
I'd ask her politely of one wish I'd be fond,
Please do stop my galley from rolling around. CHORUS

