

Why Aye Man

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Dm Dm F Dm Dm

Dm G Dm
We had no way of staying a float
G Dm
We had to leave on the ferry-boat
G Dm
Economic refugees

G Dm F Dm
On the run to Germany
G Dm G
We had the back of Maggie's hand
Dm G Dm
Times were tough in Geordie land
Dm G Dm
We got wor tools and working gear
G F Dm C Dm
And humped it all from Newcastle to here

Dm G Dm
Why aye man, why aye, why aye ma
G Dm F Dm
Why aye man, why aye, why aye man (x2)

Dm G Dm
We're the nomad tribes, travelling boys
G Dm F Dm
In the dust and the dirt and the racket and the noise
Dm G Dm
Drills and hammers, diggers and picks
G Dm F Dm
Mixing concrete, laying bricks
G G
There's English, Irish, Scots, the lot
Dm G Dm
United Nation's what we've got
G Dm
Brickies, Chippies, every trade
G Dm C Dm
German building, British-made

Dm G Dm
Why aye man, why aye, why aye ma
G Dm F Dm
Why aye man, why aye, why aye man (x2)

G Dm G
Nae more work on Maggie's farm
Dm G Dm
Hadaway down the autobahn
G Dm G
Mine's a porta cabin bed
Dm G Dm
or a bunk in a Nissan hut instead
G Dm G F Dm

G Dm G F

Dm **G** **Dm**
 There's plenty Deutschmarks here to earn
Dm **F** **Dm**
 And German tarts are wun derschoen
Dm **G** **Dm**
 German beer is chemical- free
G **Dm**
 Germany's alreet with me
G **Dm** **G**
 Some times I miss my river Tyne
Dm **G** **Dm**
 But you're my pretty Fraulein
Dm **G** **Dm**
 Tonight we'll drink the old town dry
G **Dm**
 Keep wor spirit levels high
C **Dm**

Dm **G** **Dm**
 Why aye man, why aye, why aye ma
G **Dm** **F** **Dm**
 Why aye man, why aye, why aye man (x2)

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Dm **G** **Dm**
 But you're my pretty Fraulein
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 Tonight we'll drink the old town dry
G **Dm**
 Keep wor spirit levels high (2x)
G Dm G Dm G Dm
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