I cannot get to my love if I would die For the waters of Tyne run between her and me And here I must stand with a tear in my 'ee Both sighing and sickly my true love to see

Oh, where is the boatman, oh, my bonny hinny? Oh, where is the boatman? Bring him to me To ferry me over the Tyne to my honey And I will remember the boatman and thee

It's starting to rain and I'm froze to the marrow I see her as plainly as she can see me It's less than a mile between North Shields and Jarrow And the ship of my heart's carried out to the sea

Oh, bring me a boatman, I'll give any money And you for your trouble, rewarded shall be To ferry me over the Tyne to my honey Or scull her across that rough river to me