

# Leave Her, Johnny, Leave Her

Source:

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Moderately

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 2/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Moderately'. The score is divided into four staves, each with a vocal part label: 'Solo' for the first and third staves, and 'Group' for the second and fourth staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff (Solo) has the lyrics 'Oh, the times are hard and the wa - ges low,'. The second staff (Group) has the lyrics 'Leave her, John - ny, leave \_\_\_\_\_ her;'. The third staff (Solo) has the lyrics 'I'll pack my bag and \_\_\_\_\_ go be - low;'. The fourth staff (Group) has the lyrics 'It's time for us to leave her.' and ends with a double bar line.

*Solo*  
Oh, the times are hard and the wa - ges low,

*Group*  
Leave her, John - ny, leave \_\_\_\_\_ her;

*Solo*  
I'll pack my bag and \_\_\_\_\_ go be - low;

*Group*  
It's time for us to leave her.

2. *Solo:* It's growl you may but go you must,  
*Group:* Leave her, Johnny, leave her;  
*Solo:* It matters not whether you're last or first,  
*Group:* It's time for us to leave her.
3. *Solo:* I'm getting thin and growing sad,  
*Group:* Leave her, Johnny, leave her;  
*Solo:* Since first I joined this wooden-clad,  
*Group:* It's time for us to leave her.
4. *Solo:* I thought I heard her second-mate say  
*Group:* "Leave her, Johnny, leave her;  
*Solo:* Just one more drag and then belay,  
*Group:* It's time for us to leave her."