# Paddle Wheeler

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Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

I **[C]** hear the captain **[D7]** callin' all a-**[G]**board **[G]**

In **[G]** eighteen ninety-nine, she **[C]** came on up the **[G]** line

She's **[G]** gonna make the Dawson City **[D]** run **[D]**

Three **[G]** hundred miles or so, where the **[C]** Yukon waters **[G]** flow

She's **[G]** gonna serve the **[D7]** Land of the Midnight **[G]** Sun **[G]**

To the **[C]** Klondike land of gold, she'll **[G]** sail the river bold

Her **[G]** whistle blowin’ steam at every **[D]** turn **[D]**

With her **[G]** smoke arisin’ high, in-**[C]**to the northern **[G]** sky

Oh **[G]** listen to that **[D7]** paddle wheeler **[G]** churn **[G]**

**CHORUS**:

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]↓** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

A-**[C]**waitin’ on the **[D]** Yukon River **[G]** shore **[G]**

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]↓** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

I **[C]** hear the captain **[D7]** callin' all a-**[G]**board **[G]**

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

I **[C]** hear the captain **[D7]** callin' all a-**[G]**board **[G]**

There's a **[G]** bearded sourdough, and a **[C]** greenhorn cheecha-**[G]**ko

They're **[G]** lined on deck with a hundred men or **[D]** more **[D]**

As the **[G]** paddles heave and churn, their **[C]** dreams so brightly **[G]** burn

Oh **[G]** take them to that **[D7]** land of yellow **[G]** ore **[G]**

Oh **[C]** paddle wheeler toil, where the **[G]** rapids roll and boil

Oh **[G]** take the cargo safe to journey's **[D]** end **[D]**

Then the **[G]** whistle loudly blows, and **[C]** every miner **[G]** knows

That **[G]** Dawson City's **[D7]** just around the **[G]** bend **[G]**

**CHORUS**:

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]↓** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

A-**[C]**churnin’ on the **[D]** river proud and **[G]** grand **[G]**

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]↓** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

They **[C]** say you're the **[D7]** queen of this **[G]** land **[G]**

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

I **[C]** hear the captain **[D7]** callin' all a-**[G]**board **[G]**

For **[G]** fifty years and some, she **[C]** made the Dawson **[G]** run

Then **[G]** came the day they pulled her into **[D]** shore **[D]**

They **[G]** set her high and dry, while the **[C]** river flows on **[G]** by

And **[G]** there's she's goin’ to **[D7]** rest forever **[G]** more **[G]**

Now the **[C]** paddle wheeler's gone, but the **[G]** memories linger on

To the **[G]** day she was the Queen in the land of **[D]** gold **[D]**

And I **[G]** fancy that I hear, her **[C]** whistle loud and **[G]** clear

A-**[G]**blowin’ as it **[D7]** blew in the days of **[G]** old **[G]**

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]↓** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

Her **[C]** restin’ on the **[D]** Yukon River **[G]** shore **[G]**

Paddle **[Em]** wheeler **[C]↓** paddle **[G]** wheeler **[G]**

I **[C]** fancy I can **[D7]** hear that all a-**[G]**board **[G]**

A **[C]** paddle wheeler **[D7]** restin’ on the **[G]** shore **[G]**

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I **[C]** fancy I can **[D7]↓** hear **↓** that… all a-**~[Em]~**board **[Em]↓**

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