# Jack Was Every Inch A Sailor

Traditional

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [D7] / [G] / [G] ↓**

Now ‘twas **[G]** twenty-five or thirty years since Jack first saw the **[D7]** light

He **[D7]** came into this world of woe one dark and stormy **[G]** night

He was **[G]** born on board his father’s ship as **[G]** she was lying **[D7]** to

‘Bout **[D7]** twenty-five or thirty miles south-**[D7]↓**east of Baccalieu

**CHORUS:**

**[D7]↓** Oh **[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

**[D7]** Five and twenty years a **[G]** whaler

**[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

He was **[D7]** born upon the bright blue **[G]** sea **[G]**

When **[G]** Jack grew up to be a man, he went to Labra-**[D7]**dor

He **[D7]** fished in Indian Harbour where his father fished be-**[G]**fore

On **[G]** his returning in the fog, he met a heavy **[D7]** gale

And **[D7]** Jack was swept into the sea and **[D7]↓** swallowed by a whale

**CHORUS:**

**[D7]↓** Oh **[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

**[D7]** Five and twenty years a **[G]** whaler

**[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

He was **[D7]** born upon the bright blue **[G]** sea **[G]**

The **[G]** whale went straight for Baffin’s Bay ‘bout ninety knots an **[D7]** hour

And **[D7]** ev’ry time he’d blow a spray, he’d send it in a **[G]** shower

“Oh **[G]** now” says Jack unto himself “I must see what he’s a-**[D7]**bout!”

He **[D7]** caught the whale all by the tail and **[D7]↓** turned him inside out!

**CHORUS:**

**[D7]↓** Oh **[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

**[D7]** Five and twenty years a **[G]** whaler

**[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

He was **[D7]** born upon the bright blue **[G]** sea **[G]**

Oh **[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

**[D7]** Five and twenty years a **[G]** whaler

**[G]** Jack was every inch a **[D7]** sailor

He was **[D7]** born upon the bright blue **[G]** sea **[G]↓**

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