# The Squid-Jiggin’ Ground

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

**[D7]↓** Oh **[G]** this is the place where the **[C]** fishermen **[G]** gather

In **[C]** oilskins and **[G]** boots and Cape **[D7]** Anns battened **[C]** down

All **[G]** sizes of **[C]** figures with **[G]** squid lines and jiggers

They **[G]** congregate **[C]** here on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** Some are **[G]** workin’ their jiggers while **[C]** others are **[G]** yarnin'

There's **[C]** some standin’ **[G]** up and there's **[D7]** more lyin' **[C]** down

While **[G]** all kinds of **[C]** fun, jokes and **[G]** tricks are begun

As they **[G]** wait for the **[C]** squid on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** There's **[G]** men of all ages and **[C]** boys in the **[G]** bargain

There's **[C]** old Billy **[G]** Cave and there's **[D7]** young Raymond **[C]** Brown

There's a **[G]** red-headed **[C]** Tory out **[G]** here in a dory

A-**[G]**runnin’ down **[C]** Squires on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** There's **[G]** men from the Harbour, there's **[C]** men from the **[G]** Tickle

In **[C]** all kinds of **[G]** motorboats **[D7]** green, grey and **[C]** brown

Right **[G]** yonder is **[C]** Bobby and **[G]** with him is Nobby

He's a-**[G]**chawin' hard-**[C]**tack on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** God **[G]** bless my sou'wester, there's **[C]** Skipper John **[G]** Chaffey

He's the **[C]** best hand at **[G]** squid jiggin' **[D7]** here, I'll be **[C]** bound

Hel-**[G]**lo, what's the **[C]** row? Why he's **[G]** jiggin' one now

The **[G]** very first **[C]** squid on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** The **[G]** man with the whisker is **[C]** old Jacob **[G]** Steele

He's **[C]** gettin’ well **[G]** up but he's **[D7]** still pretty **[C]** sound

While **[G]** Uncle Bob **[C]** Hawkins wears **[G]** six pairs of stockin’s

When-**[G]**ever he's **[C]** out on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** Holy **[G]** smoke! What a scuffle, all **[C]** hands are ex-**[G]**cited

'Tis a **[C]** wonder to **[G]** me that there's **[D7]** nobody **[C]** drowned

There's a **[G]** bustle, con-**[C]**fusion, a **[G]** wonderful hustle

They're **[G]** all jiggin’ **[C]** squids on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** Says **[G]** Bobby, "The squids are on **[C]** top of the **[G]** water

I **[C]** just got me **[G]** jiggers 'bout **[D7]** one fathom **[C]** down"

But a **[G]** squid in the **[C]** boat squirted **[G]** right down his throat

And he's **[G]** swearin’ like **[C]** mad on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** There's **[G]** poor Uncle Billy, his **[C]** whiskers are **[G]** spattered

With **[C]** spots of the **[G]** squid juice that's **[D7]** flyin' a-**[C]**round

One **[G]** poor little **[C]** boy got it **[G]** right in his eye

But they **[G]** don't give a **[C]** darn on the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

**[D7]↓** Now, if **[G]** ever you feel in-**[C]**clined to go **[G]** squiddin'

Leave your **[C]** white shirts and **[G]** collars be-**[D7]**hind in the **[C]** town

And **[G]** if you get **[C]** cranky with-**[G]**out your silk hanky

You’d **[G]** better steer **[C]** clear of the **[D7]** squid-jiggin' **[G]** ground **[G]↓**

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