# Paddle Wheeler

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**< ~[Bm]~ means tremolo on the [Bm] chord >**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTRO: / 1 2 / 1**

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

I **[G]** hear the captain **[A7]** callin' all a-**[D]**board **[D]**

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

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

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

She's **[D]** gonna serve the **[A7]** Land of the Midnight **[D]** Sun **[D]**

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

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

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

Oh **[D]** listen to that **[A7]** paddle wheeler **[D]** churn **[D]**

**CHORUS**:

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]↓** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

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

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]↓** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

I **[G]** hear the captain **[A7]** callin' all a-**[D]**board **[D]**

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

I **[G]** hear the captain **[A7]** callin' all a-**[D]**board **[D]**

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

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

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

Oh **[D]** take them to that **[A7]** land of yellow **[D]** ore **[D]**

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

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

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

That **[D]** Dawson City's **[A7]** just around the **[D]** bend **[D]**

**CHORUS**:

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]↓** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

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

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]↓** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

They **[G]** say you're the **[A7]** queen of this **[D]** land **[D]**

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

I **[G]** hear the captain **[A7]** callin' all a-**[D]**board **[D]**

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

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

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

And **[D]** there's she's goin’ to **[A7]** rest forever **[D]** more **[D]**

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

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

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

A-**[D]**blowin’ as it **[A7]** blew in the days of **[D]** old **[D]**

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]↓** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

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

Paddle **[Bm]** wheeler **[G]↓** paddle **[D]** wheeler **[D]**

I **[G]** fancy I can **[A7]** hear that all a-**[D]**board **[D]**

A **[G]** paddle wheeler **[A7]** restin’ on the **[D]** shore **[D]**

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Well I **[G]** fancy I can **[A7]↓** hear **↓** that… all a-**~[Bm]~**board **[Bm]↓**

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