

# Chicken on a Raft

*A sea shanty by Cyril Tawney*

## CHORUS

**Chicken on a raft on a Monday morning, oh what a terrible sight to see...  
Dabtoes forward and the Dustmen aft...  
Sitting there a-picking at a chicken on a raft**

## BRIDGE

(Hi-ho) **Chicken on a raft**  
(Ey-oh) **Chicken on a raft**  
(Hi-ho) **Chicken on a raft**  
(Ey-oh) **Chicken on a raft**

## VERSE 1

(Skipper's in the wardroom drinking gin) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**  
(I don't mind knocking but I ain't going in) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**  
(Jimmy's laughing like a drain) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**  
(Been looking at my comic cuts again) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**

## *CHORUS*

## *BRIDGE*

## VERSE 2

(They gave me the middle and the forenoon too) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**  
(And now I'm pulling in the whaler's crew) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**  
(Seagulls wheeling overhead) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**  
(I ought to be flogging in a feather bed) **Hi-ho, chicken on a raft**

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