Cornish Lads

By Roger Bryant



Chorus

Well Cornish lads are fishermen And Cornish lads are miners too But when the fish and tin are gone What are the Cornish boys to do?

From Newlyn town we used to sail Through rain and mist and lashing gale The mackerel shoals we hoped to find And soon we've left Land's End behind

I've searched the seven stones all around But not a sign or shoal we've found Round Island light is now in sight But Scillies are a barren ground

The winding engines used to sing A melody to Cornish tin And Geevor lads they all would grin At pay day on a Friday The water now reclaims the mine
And young men talk of old men's time
And go to work in gold or coal
Or face a life upon the dole

The hammer of the auction man Is the only sound we soon will hear And visitors will make the noise And order drinks from Cornish boys

We'll do as we have done before Go out to roam the wild world o'er Wherever sea or ship are found Or there's a hole down underground

Last Chorus

Well Cornish lads are fishermen And Cornish lads are miners too So when the fish and tin are gone That's what the Cornish boys will do