William Tyndale Sea Shanty

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There once was a man, he's called Tyndale He loved to tell Bible tales
And in his task he would prevail
To teach and spread the Word.

"I'll cause the boy who drives the plough To know more than the Pope knows now The Bible is for everyone And they should read it in their own tongue."

The Church spoke Latin at the time The English Bible was a crime No-one could read a single line So Tyndale set to work.

"I'll cause the boy who drives the plough...

William worked in isolation At home writing his translation Not bothered for his reputation But someone overheard.

"I'll cause the boy who drives the plough...

Tyndale then went out to sea He sailed off to Germany Despite being chased by authority The Light of God still burned

"I'll cause the boy who drives the plough...

He was betrayed by a close friend Henry Phillips brought his end "Open the King's eyes in England" He burned and boy it hurt.

"I'll cause the boy who drives the plough...

After he was put to death
The final words that Will sigheth
Were answered when the King then said,
"We need the English Word!"

"I'll cause the boy who drives the plough...