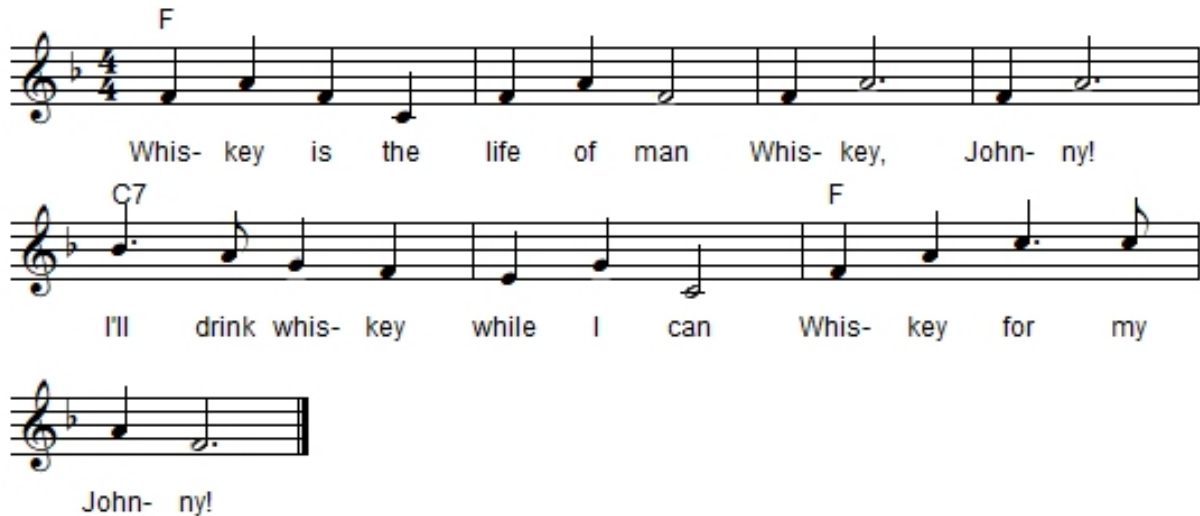


Whiskey Johnny



1. Whiskey is the life of man
Whiskey, Johnny!
I'll drink whiskey while I can
Whiskey for my Johnny!
2. Oh, whiskey straight and whiskey strong,
Give me some whiskey and I'll sing you a song
3. O whiskey makes me wear old clo'es,
Whiskey gave me a broken nose.
4. Whiskey killed my poor old dad,
Whiskey drove my mother mad.
5. If whiskey comes too near my nose,
I tip it up and down she goes.
6. I had a girl, her name was Lize,
She puts whiskey in her pies.
7. My wife and I cannot agree;
She puts whiskey in her tea.
8. Here comes the cook with the whiskey can,
A glass of grog for every man.
9. A glass of grog for every man,
And a bottle full for the shantyman.

A halyard chanty, "Whiskey Johnny " is also known as "Whiskey O " but "Whiskey Johnny" is sung to a shorter call and response tune with no chorus while "Whiskey O" is sung with short verses and an extended chorus. The verses are interchangeable. It is cataloged as Roud 651.

Both versions have been recorded by many singers including The Clancy Brothers, Ewan MacColl, A.L. Lloyd, Louis Killen and the Hardtackers.

I probably learned it first from The Clancy Brothers.