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Tune traditional "Whiskey before Breakfast"
Key: E (4/C)

The Wreck of the *Anne C. Maguire*-1886

C-----F-----C
On a moonlit night so clear,
F-----C-----G
Whiskey for me Johnny-o,
C-----F-----C
Portland Head was drawing near,
F-----C-----G-----C
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!
-----G---C-----G---C
Our gallant bark sped through the night,
-----G-----C---F---C---G
She struck the ledge be-fore the Light,
-----C-----G7-----F-----C
And it was a totally awesome sight,
F-----C-----G-----C
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!

The *Anne Maguire* swung half around,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o,
Broadside to the cliff, hard aground,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o,
"All hands on deck!" our Captain cried,
We pounded the deck from side to side,
But she wouldn't budge, though hard we tried,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!

The year was eighteen eighty-six,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o,
We found ourselves in a helluva fix,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o,
'Twas Christmas Eve, disaster bound,
Our Captain's shout did resound,
"Abandon ship, 'lest we all drown!"
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!

We heaved a ladder o'er the rail,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!
And tumbled ashore without fail,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!
The lighthouse keeper and his spouse,
Warmed us up with Liverpool scouse,
On salvaged Scotch we all got soused,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!

Early next day to town we rode,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!
The ship was bilged, her bottom stove,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!
Wreckers saved her sails and chains,
Only her standing rigging remained,
While we drowned our sorrows and pain,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!

Here's to our Captain where e'er he be,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!
A friend to the sailor on land or sea,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!
And may his soul fore'er be blessed,
Of all good fellas he was the best,
He shared the insurance at our request,
Whiskey for me Johnny-o!(2X)