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### 1 Aa's a Cullercoats fish-lass se cozy an' free,

Browt up in a cottage close on by the sea, An'Aa sell fine fresh fish te poor an'te rich. Will ye buy, will ye buy, will ye buy ma fresh fish?

#### **CHORUS**

Will ye buy, will ye buy, will ye buy ma fresh fish?

## 2 Byeth barefoot an' barelegged Aa trudge mony a week,

Wi'a creel on me back, an'a bloom on me cheek.

Aa'll supply ye wi flat fish, fine skyet, or fresh ling,

An'sometimes pennywilks, crabs, an'lobsters Aa bring.

### **CHORUS**

Fine codlins hinney. Cheaper for hyem consumption than butcher meat There's fine mackerel. Howay, mister, ye shall hev them at yor aan price—but the sea's up! Aas' sure fish just noo is as bad te catch as husbands, an' a greet deal worse te sell.

### **CHORUS**

Aa wark hard for me livin', frev a freend Aa ne'er begs, An'Aa huff the young cheps when they peep at me legs. Aa's hilthy an' hansum, quite willin' an' strang, Te toil for me livin', cryin'fish' aall day lang.

#### **CHORUS**

That's what Aa caall fishin' for a livin'. But taakin' aboot fish, thor's queer fish on the land as weel as in the sea.

- Gladstone, Tom Sayers, an' Blondin Aa caall them "star-fish" that baits the publick te some teun.
- Foaks that neglects te buy the "Tyneside Songs", Aa considers them's "flat-fish."
- Mackey's men, thor "dry-fish": ye can tell them by thor "gills".
- Sailors, thor "Salt-fish" and shod keep thor weather eye on "land sharks"
- Volunteers—thor "fresh-fish" and wi' wor sowljors an' sailors myek up war "sole" defenders.

As for me, wivoot yor kind favours, aa'd be like a fish oot o' wettor; Aye-wey! Aa's a maiden fish oot iv hor teens in sairch ov a husband te myek us comfortable. Aa want te tyek moorin's for life in the roads an' channels o' matrimony.

### **CHORUS**