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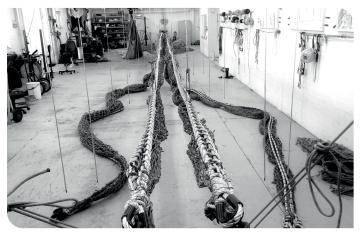


### **NET STORE**

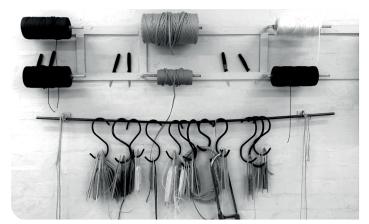
#### You'll Be a rigger my child

If you can keep your hand steady when panic descends around,
And spend your every effort saving the government a pound,
If you can fill a needle when there are no needles to be found,
And mend the busted net lying in pieces on the ground.

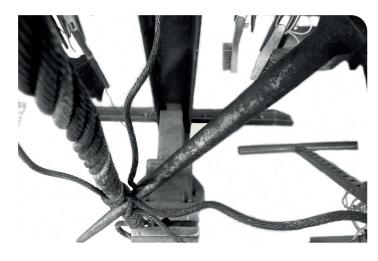
If you can splice and not be tired of splicing,
Or yield a heavy hammer in unforgiving rain,
Or use a knife precisely without
the need for slicing,
Or occasionally nip your skin
and laugh away the pain.



**NET STORE** 



TWINE AND NEEDLES



WIRE SPLICE SPIKE



THE CUTTING ROOM

If you can tie knots without ever getting knotted,
If you can cut out netting without ever getting cut,
If you can meet deadlines in less time than allotted,
And solve every underwater problem without a single but.

If you can stitch a trawl back together, When it's smashed and badly torn, Watch it go to sea knowing it won't last forever, And do it all again in a boiler suit so often worn.

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If you can make a million moorings, And put millions on the line, And make sense of ideas described as "two things", And be proud of what you do to say that work is mine.

If you can make up ground gear, rubbers and hoppers,
To scour the seabed in search for a prize,
And hear, without judgement,
the tales of the whoppers,
Except them, take stock and replenish supplies.



**COD END MESHES** 



THE LADS



#### HAMMER AND PUNCH

If you can work together and know the value of your team, And offer a helping hand when someone loses hope, And be safe in the knowledge that no job is as big as it may seem, And you possess the skills to cope.

If you can stay focused and keep a readily sharpened knife,
And end each day knowing you worked hard and smiled,
Yours is the net store for the best of your working life,
And - which is more - you'll be a Rigger, my child.