

Small Fred, Lifeboat

The times were lean, your eyes were bold
And we fell right in together like beggars on the road
And as the months turn into years with the passing of each day
It gets harder all the time to find a reason not to stay.

CHORUS:

And when I need a lifeboat to keep out the sea
You are canvas and oak and you cradle me
And when I need a lifeboat and it looks like a storm
You are rudder and sail and you take me home.
Didn't need always to be strong
And when fear boiled up in anger, it never lasted long
It's a proud and reckless sailor who steers into the squall
But it's your arms that close around me as the rain begins to fall.

CHORUS

Knowing you, knowing me
Seems like we can be together, and we can still be free
And with every changing season I see deeper in your heart
And the memory stays with me when it's time to be apart.

LAST CHORUS:

And when you need a lifeboat to keep out the sea
I am canvas and oak and you lean on me
And when you need a lifeboat and it looks like a storm
I am rudder and sail and I'll take you home.