

**All**

A HUSH FILLED THE AIR,  
A QUIET BREEZE CALMED THE SEA,  
A GENTLE LIGHT FILLED THE NIGHT  
WITH A HEAVENLY GLOW.

**Women**

AND THEY SAILED 'TIL THEY SAW THE LIGHT

**Fishermen**

OF A SEARCHING VESSEL

**Women**

COMING OUT TO SAVE THEM

**All**

FROM A COLD WINTER STORM,

**Mayor**

AND EVER SINCE THAT DAY,  
WE GATHER ONCE A YEAR

**Priest**

TO GIVE OUR THANKS ABOVE

**Women**

FOR THE MEN WE DEARLY LOVE.

**All**

*As LESTER this time smiles warmly at pretty girls MARIA and OLGA, who laugh together about his attention.*

OH, WE ARE THE SIMPLE FOLK OF MERI.  
WE LIVE A LIFE OF SIMPLE WAYS.  
GOOD TIMES OR BAD WE JOIN TOGETHER,  
GLAD TO BE LIVING THIS WAY.

**Lester's Wife**

*To Lester, after catching him ogling.*

CLEANING, SCRUBBING ALL DAY LONG.

**Lester**

*Pulling her back in.*

SWEETIE-PIE COME JOIN OUR SONG.

*She joins in reluctantly.*

**All**

YES, WE ARE THE SIMPLE FOLK OF MERI.  
WE LIVE A LIFE OF SIMPLE WAYS.  
GOOD TIMES OR BAD WE JOIN TOGETHER,  
GLAD TO BE LIVING—

**Mayor**

*Interjecting.*

It's such a lovely day!

**All**

YES, GLAD TO BE LIVING THIS WAY!