**WITH HEARTS UNDAUNTED AND COURAGE TRUE**

A song about cold weather seemed to be in order. This traditional ballad about Lord John Franklin’s ill-fated expedition in 1845 to find a Northwest Passage around the pole is one of my favorites. There were a great many recordings on Youtube to choose from – some by big “names” like Sinead O’Connor and Pentangle. I liked this version by Andy Toman, which you can hear at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqGpU33j4AA, or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS\_Audio\_Archive.html. As with all traditional songs, you’ll find somewhat different words with different peoples’ versions.

**Lady Franklin's Lament for her Husband**

*The Oxford Book of Sea Songs, Roy Palmer “The text given here, which was originally printed in 1853 or ‘54, entered oral tradition in England, Ireland, Scotland and North America...”*  
  
**D G**

Was homeward bound one night on the deep

**Em A**

Slung in my hammock, I fell asleep  
 **D G D**

I dreamed a dream which I thought was true

**D A G D**

Concerning Franklin and his gallant crew

To find a passage around the Pole

Where tempests wave and wild thunders roll  
Is more than mortal man can do

With hearts undaunted and courage true

In cruel hardship they have vainly strove  
Their ships on mountains of ice were drove

At Baffin's Bay where the whalefish blows  
The fate of Franklin nobody knows

For since that time a hundred years are past

And many a keen and a bitter blast  
Blows o'er the grave where the poor seamen fell

Whose dreadful sufferings no tongue can tell  
  
These sad forebodings they give me pain  
For the long lost Franklin across the main  
Likewise the fate of so many before  
Who have left their homes to return no more