Tickle Cove Pond

Great Big Sea

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    G                             D
1. In cuttin and haulin in frost and in snow
    C                         D7
   we're up against troubles that few people know
    G                 D
   It's only by courage and patience and grit
    C         D         G
   and eatin plain food that we keep ourselves fit
    Em
   The hard and the easy we take as they come
    C                     Am          D
   and when ponds freeze over we shorten our runs
    G                         D
   to hurry my haulin with spring coming on
    C         D       G
   I near lost me a mare out on Tickle Cove Pond

    D   G                             D
R: Lay hold William Oldford, lay hold William White
    C                         D
   Lay hold of the cordage and pull all your might
    G                 D
   Lay hold of the bowline and pull all you can
    C             D       G
   And give me a lift with poor Kit on the pond

2. I knew that the ice grew weaker each day
   But still took the risk and kept haulin away
   One evening in April bound home with a load
   my mare showed some halting against the ice road
   She knew more than I did as matters turned out
   Been lucky for me had I joined her in doubt
   She turned round her head with tears in her eyes
   As if she were sayin "You're risking our lives"

    G                     D
   All this I ignored with a whip handle blow
    C                         D7
   For man is a stupid dumb creature you know
    G                 D
   And the very next moment the pond gave a sigh
    C             D       G
   and up to our necks went poor Kitty and I

R: Lay hold William Oldford...

    Em
   And if I had taken wise Kitty's advice
    C             walk down to     Am         D
   I ne'er would have made that short cut on the ice
    G                         D
   Poor creature she's dead, poor creature she's gone
    C         D       G
   I'll ne'er get my mare out of Tickle Cove Pond

3. I raised an alarm you could hear for a mile
   and neighbours showed up in a very short while
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        You can always rely on the Oldfords and Whites
        To render assistance in all your bad plights
        To help a kind neighbour is part of their lives
        The same can be said for their children and wives
        And with the rope fastened around the mare's breast
        William White for a shanty song made a request

        Em
        There was no time for thinkin no time for delay
        C                                        Am          D
        Straight from his heart came this song right away

    R: Lay hold William Oldford... (2x)
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