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Smacks low in the water  
Pull to the wharves  
Scuppers under, sixty hogsheads  
Wait for salt and sluice.

One long, one short wail  
Pull on pants, shirts, boots  
Slab of pie mug of coffee  
Trudge to the factory.

Stoke the fire make the bed rouse the children  
Beans, salt pork, onions, molasses in the pot  
One long, three short.

Silver bodies feed through hands  
Scissors sharp, flashing, snipping heads and tails  
Fill the can, fill the case.