Sing, Haul, then Heave!

(and don't forget to breathe!)

Twenty Sea Shanties Un-arranged



The shanty"man" is written in the treble clef.

The worker's "chorus" is written in the bass clef.

Probably none of the text is original!

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Performance Suggestions:

- 1. Take it in turns to be the shanty"man". Give yourself time to rest and breath. Let the audience do the work.
- 2. If the key of the shanty is too high... change it! No-one knows what key it is supposed to be in, so choose a key that suits your voices.
- 3. The absence of tempo and dynamic markings is deliberate: You have to decide how you shape the material.
- 4. Rehearse the Choruses with the audience and provide them with the words. The Supplement to this Shanty Songbook has the words to every song. Everything is Creative Commons Licensed so you can photocopy at will.
- 5. Work out your introductions in advance: a bit of history; some technical details of what this shanty was used for; explain the unfamiliar words; tell the story so the audience know what is happening in the song. Some notes about the Shanties are added at end.
- 6. Think of this document as a rehearsal score. Once you have the tune in your head: the only reminder you may need is the words!
- 7. Smile.

Shanty Types

Hauling/Pulling

Bunt Shanty Catting the Anchor/Top s'l Halliards Fast pulling Halliards Tacks and Sheets/Short Drag Sheeting home the Fors'I/Short Drag 8. Haul on the Bowlin' Long Drag/Halliards

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No 1. The Big Bow Wow

An Off-watch Fo'c's'le Song

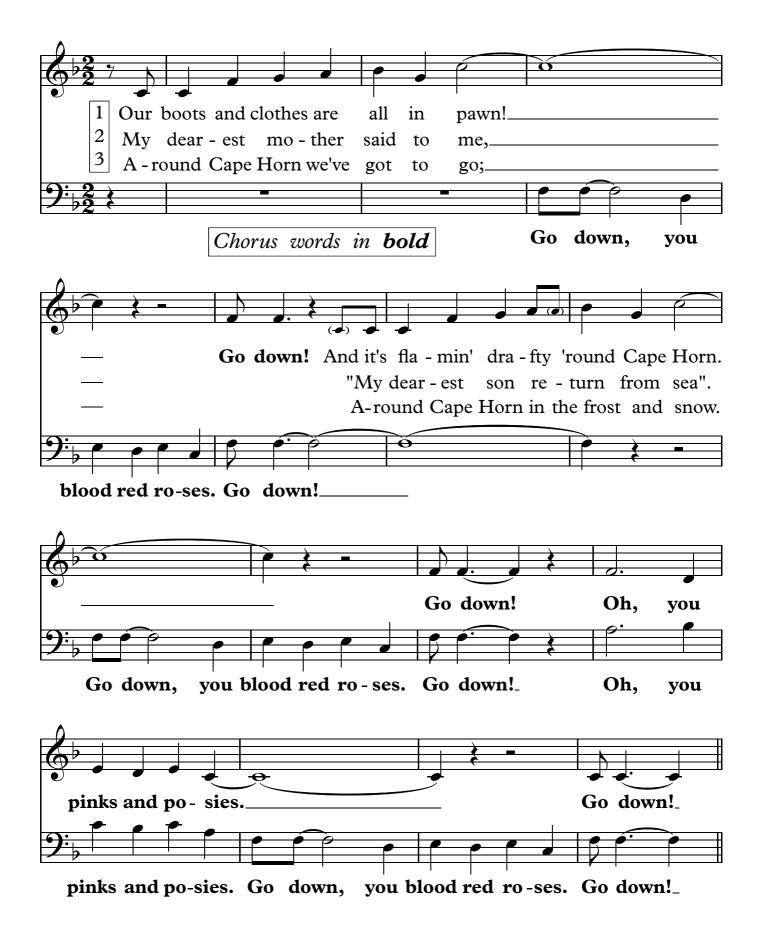




sharks 'll have his bo - dy and the de - vil have his soul.

No 2. Blood Red Roses

Long Drag / Halliards





No 3. The Dead Horse

Pumps







No 4. Don't forget your old shipmate

An Off-watch Fo'c's'le/Wardroom Song



Repeat Chorus after each verse



- Since we sailed from Ply-mouth Sound, Four years gone, or nigh, Jack.
- 3 Of ten times have we laid out, Toil nor dan-ger fear in',



Was there ev - er chum-mies now, Tug- gin' out the flap - pin' sail Such as you and I,____ Jack?

To the wea-ther ear - in'.



- 4 When the midd-le watch was on,
- 5 But the best of friends must part,

And the time went slow,_ boy,

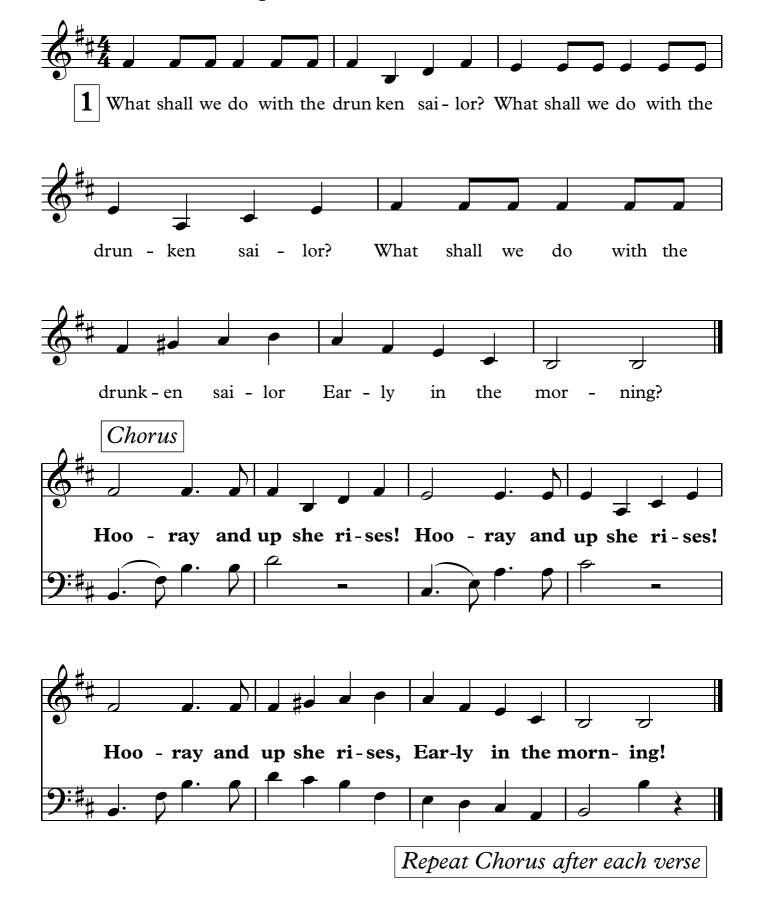
Fair or foul the wea - ther.



Who could choose a rous-in' stave, Hand yer flip-per for a shake, Who like Jack or Joe, boy? Now, a drink to - ge - ther.

No 5. Drunken Sailor

Stamp and Go / Hand over Hand



Rhythmic scheme! Don't forget to sing the tune! Put him in the long boat 'til he's so-ber, Put him in the long boat 'til he's so-ber, Ear-ly in the morn - ing. Put him in the long boat 'til he's so-ber, Pull out the plug and wet him all o - ver, Pull out the plug and wet him all o-ver, Ear-ly in the morn -ing. Pull out the plug and wet him all o - ver, Put him in the scup-pers with a hose pipe on him, Put him in the scup-pers with a hose pipe on him, Ear-ly in the morn-ing. Put him in the scup-pers with a hose pipe on him, Heave him by the leg in a run-nin' bow-lin', Heave him by the leg in a run-nin' bow-lin', Ear-ly in the morn-ing. Heave him by the leg in a run-nin' bow-lin', Shave his bel-ly with a rus-ty ra-zor, Shave his bel-ly with a rus-ty ra-zor, Ear-ly in the morn-ing. Shave his bel-ly with a rus-ty 3rd time only That's what we do with the drun-ken sai-lor,

That's what we do with the drun-ken sai-lor, Ear-ly in the morn-ing.

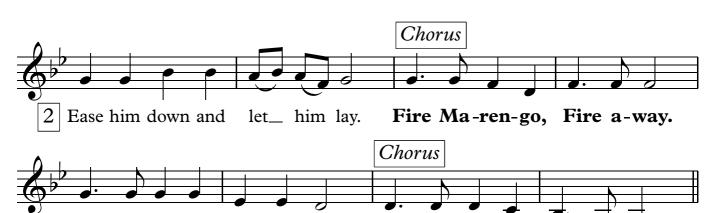
That's what we do with the drun-ken sai-lor,

No 6. Fire Marengo

Cotton Screwing Work Song



Put him down where he be-long. Fire Ma-ren-go, Fire a-way.

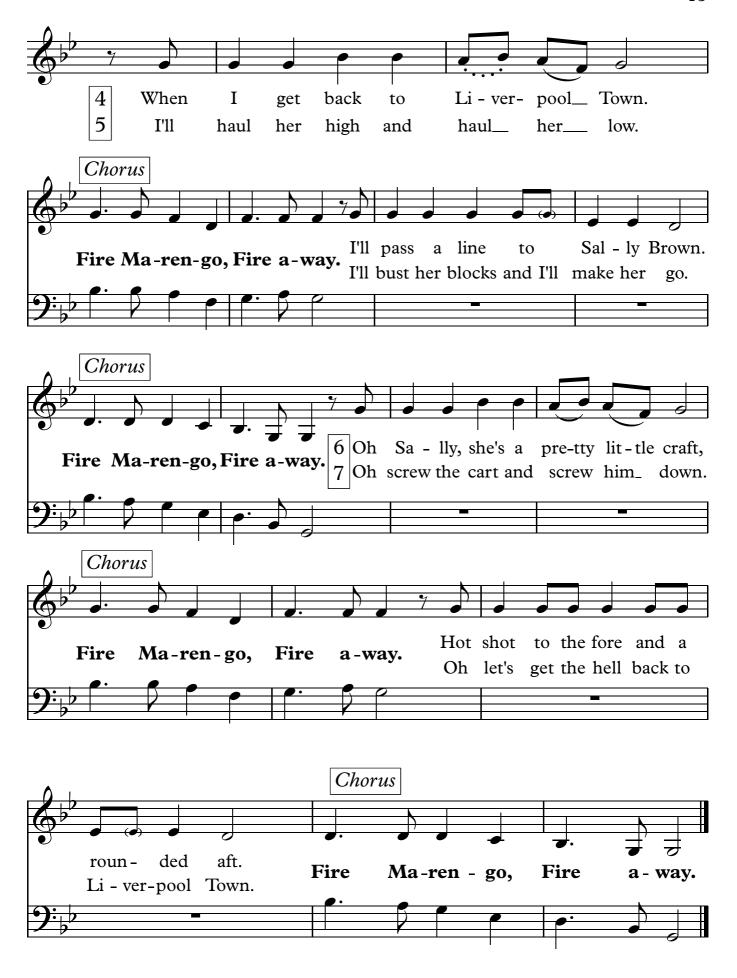


Screw him in and there he'll stay. Fire Ma-ren-go, Fire a-way.



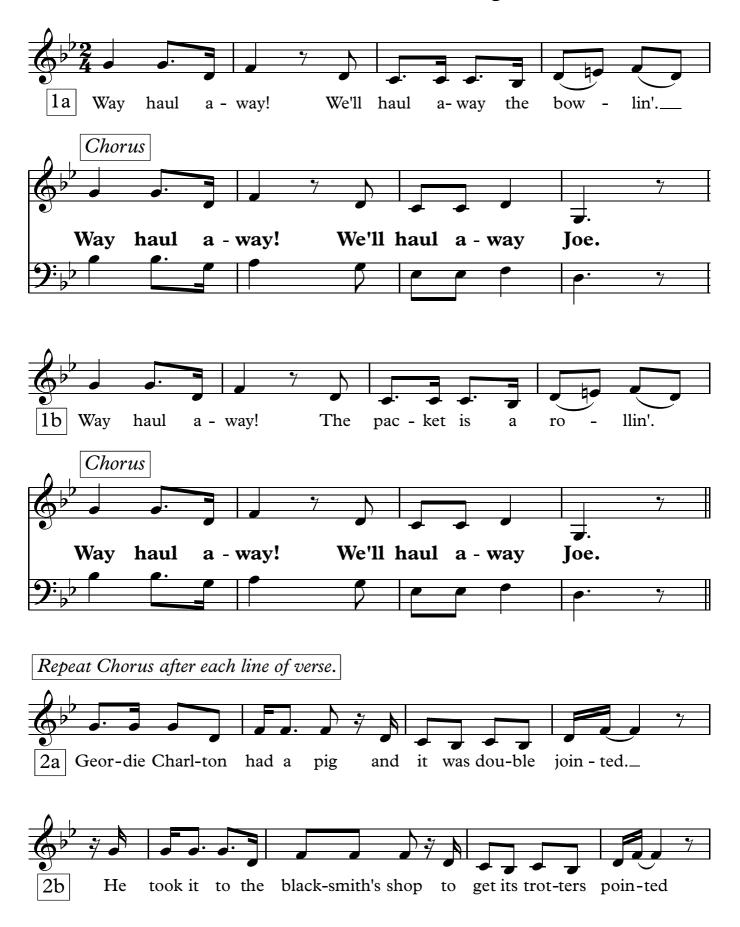
Stay he must and then he'll go. Fire Ma-ren-go, Fire a-way.

Add 2nd Chorus Voice at Verse 4

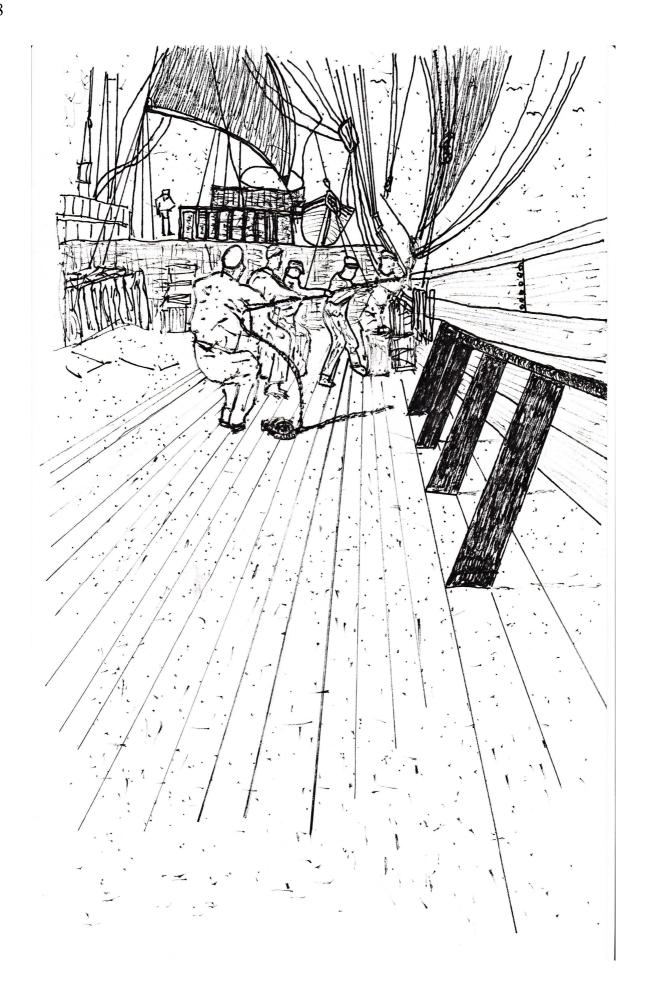


No 7. Haul Away Joe

Tacks and Sheets / Short Drag







No 8. Haul on the Bowlin'

Sheeting Home the Foresail /Short Drag



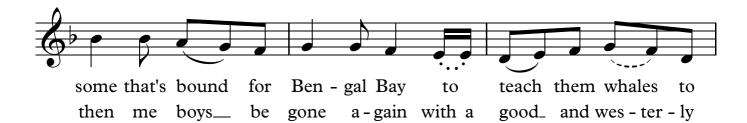
No 9. Heave Away Me Johnny

Warping out of Harbour / Windlass



- There's some that's bound for New York town and some that's bound for
- The pi lot is____ a wai ting for_ the tur-ning of__ the







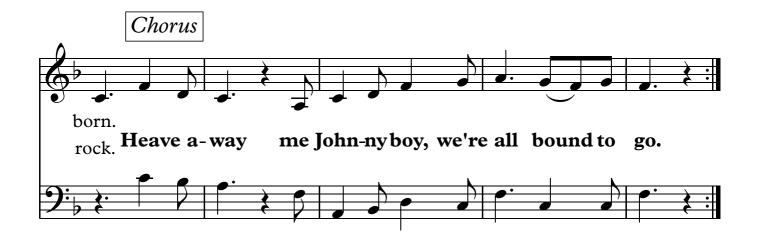


- 3 Come all you hard wor-king sai lor lads_ who round the Cape of
- Fare-well to you, you King-ston girls, Fare-well St An drew's





sure your boots_ and oil-skins on or you'll wish you ne-ver was e - ver we'll_ re-turn a-again, we'll make_ your cra - dles

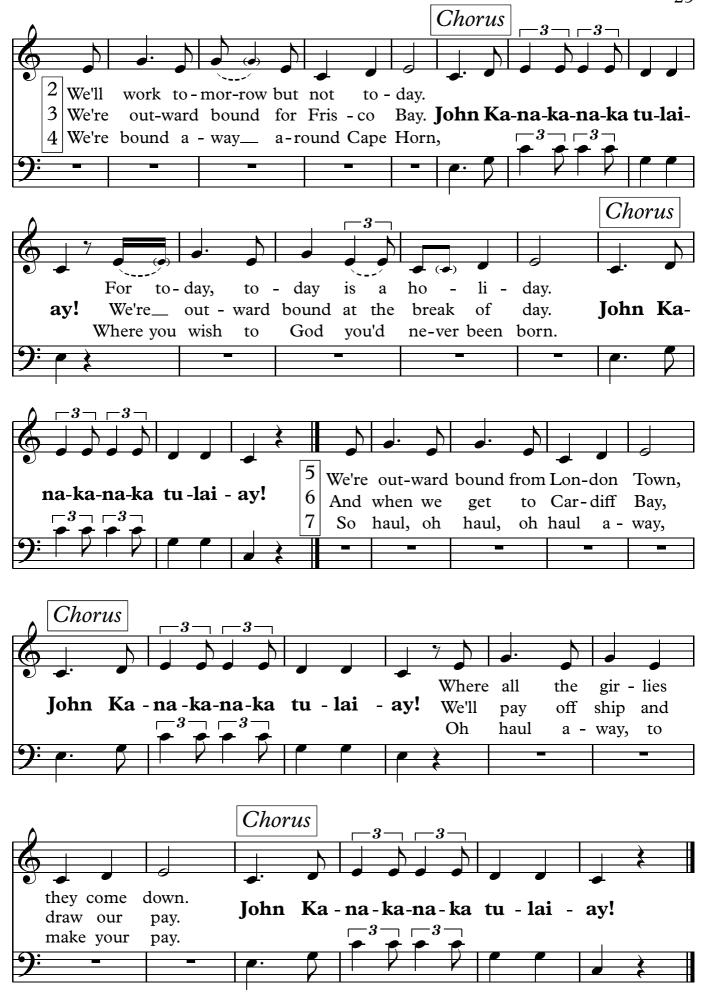


No 10. John Kanaka

Long Drag / Halliards



Repeat Main Chorus after each verse: Repeat Main Chorus twice after final verse.



No 11. Leave Her Johnny



Repeat Main Chorus after each verse except the last verse.



No 12. Nelson's Blood

Stamp and Go / Brace the Yards



Repeat Chorus after each verse



Footnote:

This is one of those shanties where everyone in the audience has to make up a verse. This ensures the shanty lasts for 30 minutes and makes programming much easier! But Verse 7 should always be the last verse so that everyone knows it has finally come to the end! Sigh of relief!

No 13. Old Billy Riley

Fast Pulling Halliards



No 14. Paddy Doyle's Boots

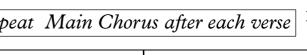
Bunt Shanty (No Shantyman)



No 15. Randy Dandy O!

Heaving the Anchor / Windlass







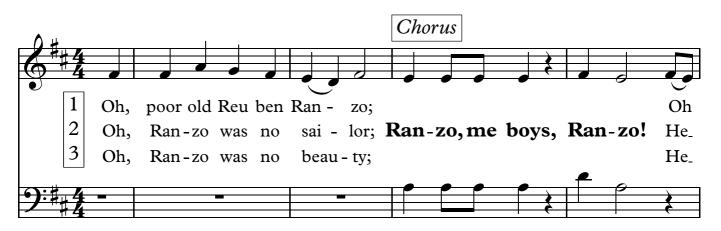
The Horn - Cape Horn

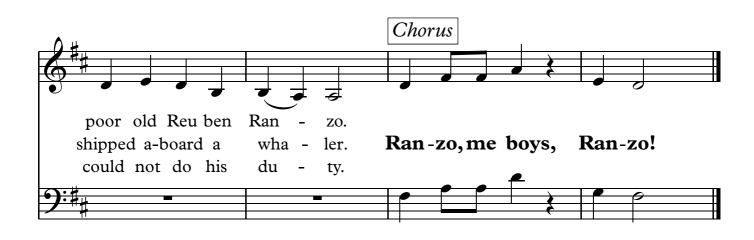
[&]quot;Pawl" - A short iron bar that prevents the windlass from turning back. Heaving a pawl likely refers to turning the windlass.

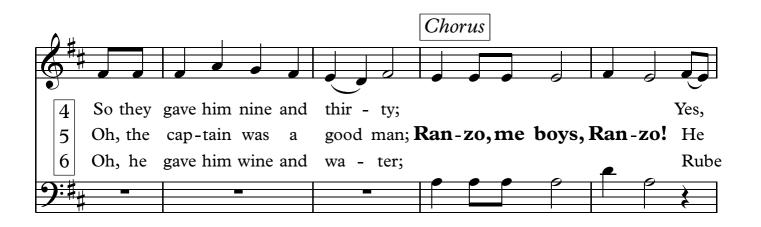
[&]quot;Vallipo Bay" - Valparaíso, Chile. A common stop for ships that voyaged around Cape Horn.

No 16. Reuben Ranzo

Top Gallant Halliards



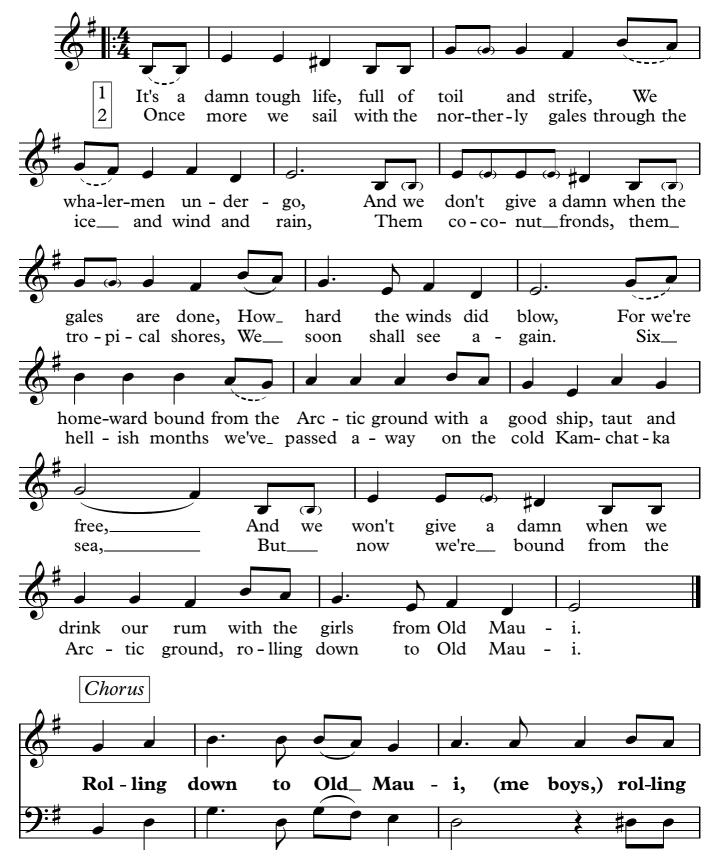


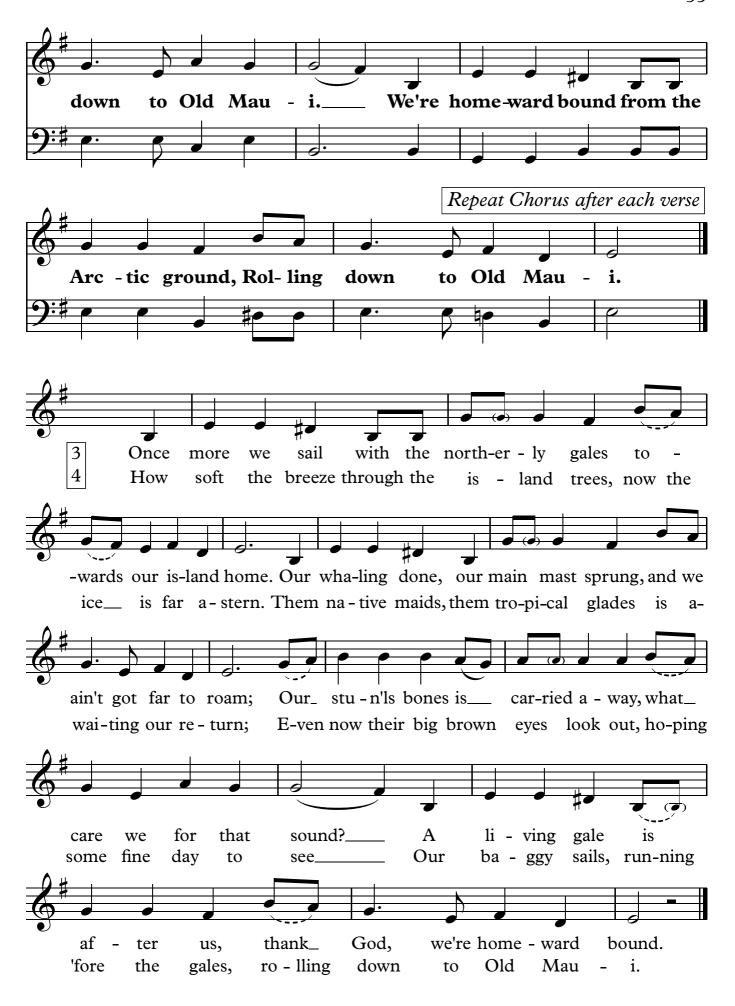




No 17. Rolling Down to Old Maui

An Off-watch Song

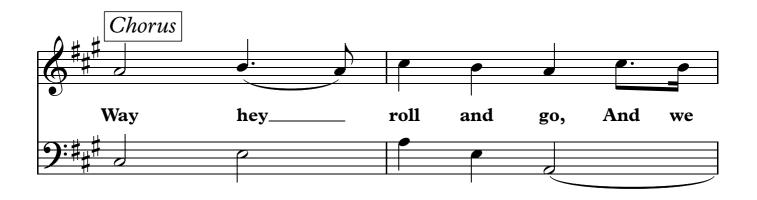




No 18. Sally Brown

Heaving the Anchor / Windlass









Repeat Chorus after each verse



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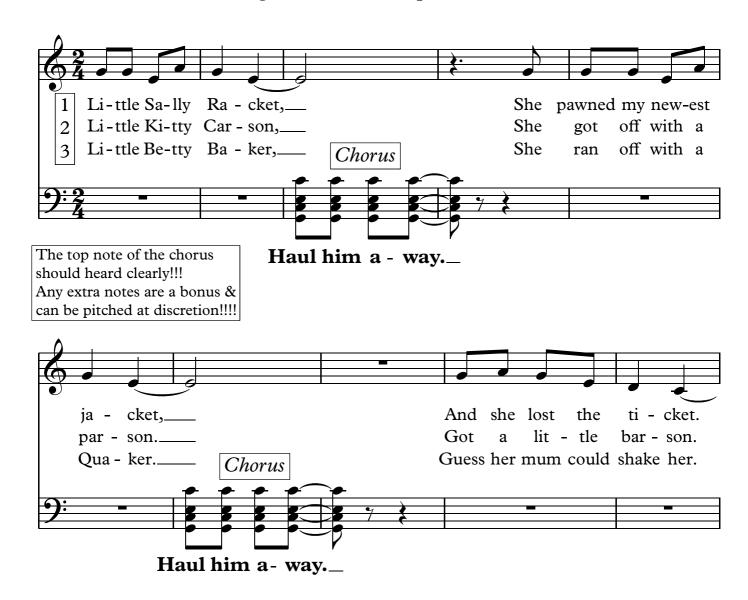
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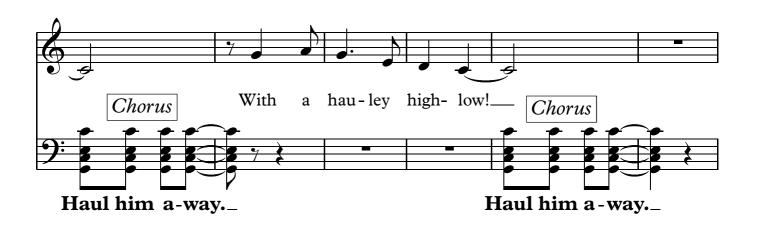
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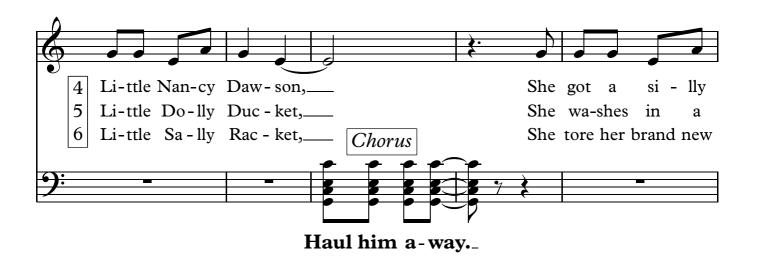
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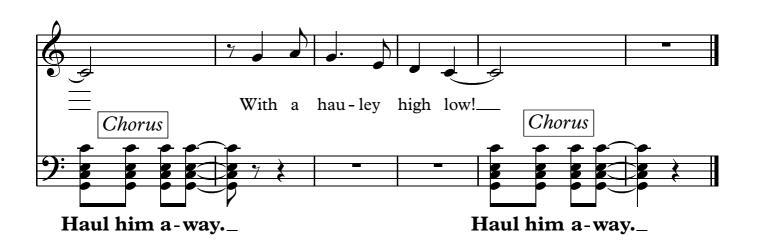
Catting the Anchor / Tops'l Halliards





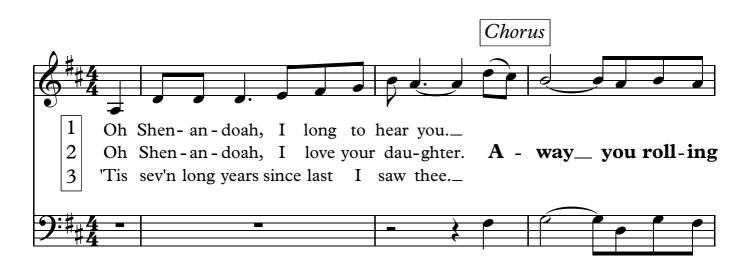


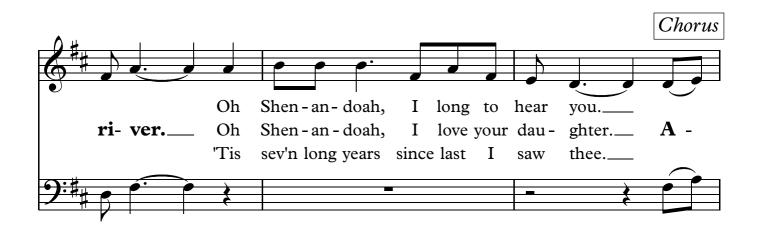


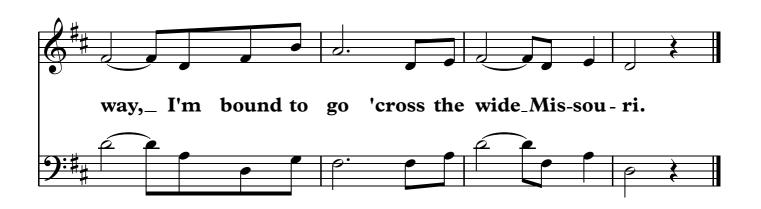


No 20. Shenandoah.

Capstan / Windlass Shanty









Appendix 1: Notes to Shanties

(Most of the documents referred to can be found on the internet; either as downloadable e-books or as commercial reprints. If you click on the catalogue references you will find a link to that source. But beware: it becomes a serious distraction . You will enjoy exploring.)

1. Big Bow Wow

Off-watch Fo'c's'le Song

Roud 613; Ballad Index BAF831; traditional.

Captain William Boultbee Whall included this "forebitter" in his book **Sea Songs, Ships and Shanties** (Glasgow, James Brown & Sons 1910). He commented: "The origin is unknown to me. It is evidently the work of a seaman. The song goes with a good swing, and was very popular between the years of 1860 and 1870"

Forebitter = Forecastle Song

Ring-tail- "A small sail, shaped like a jib, set abaft the spanker in light winds." Dana, The Seaman's Friend, 1856.

2. Blood Red Roses

Long Drag/Halliards

Roud 931; Ballad Index Doe022; traditional

The earliest reference to this traditional shanty is 1879. It was made popular by Bert Lloyd in the film **Moby Dick** (1956). It was based on a transcription made by William Main Doerflinger in 1951, who had found it in a sailor's manuscript dated 1893. (**Shantymen and Shantyboys: Songs of the Sailor and Lumberman**, Macmillan Company, New York 1951)

The meaning of the phrase "Blood Red Roses" remains in dispute: one un-named source recalls "Some old whalermen I knew in England when I was a boy told me the song was about killing whales. In the early morning or late afternoon the sun shining through the bloody spray that the dying whales blew out of their blow holes as they breathed their last reminded the men of Roses and pinks and posies growing in the garden. As the whales slowly died, the spray got less and less. This made the men's job of towing the whale to the ship easier; and therefore was something they all wished for. Hence the line "Go down you blood red roses go down!! Plausible?

Jody Gibson, a boatswain on a Square Rigger offered this useful practical explanation.

"The 'Go down you blood red roses, go down' is an instruction for sweating tops'l halyards. 'Go'... the crew pulls the halyard out perpendicular to the mast. 'Down'; they feed it to whoever is holding the turn around the pin. This shanty takes into consideration the stretch and bounce of the halyard and load. That's why the 'sweats' are in sets of two. And that's why the 'Oh you pinks and posies' gets stretched out,. At this point, the stretch is all out of the halyard and the yard is at the top of it's bounce. If you've ever sweated a halyard with something really heavy on the other end, like the bower anchor, it reaches a point where you just can't get the load to move anymore, right? So, you turn to each other and say something like, 'What the hell, it just won't move' upon which the Captain says, 'Try it again.' so you do, and lo and behold, the load moves again!!! . Here's why....with all the stretch out of the halyard and it being at the top of the bounce, it starts to bounce downward as the rope compresses. When it starts to bounce up again, that's the time to start sweating again."

(Have you got that?!)

3. The Dead Horse Roud 3724

Pumps

The Dead Horse was a ceremonial shanty sung at the end of a sailor's first month at sea. It was to celebrate the end of the sailor's debt to the ship - when he started working for himself.

The dead horse metaphor is from the practice of horse-trading. When a deal was made there was no going back, even if the horse died right after the deal was struck. So you could be paying for something that was never any use. Sailor's were traditionally paid a month in advance when they signed on. With the advance he could pay for boots, knives, weather gear, etc. However many agents took the advance money and shanghaied sailors aboard, other sailors spent the money on drink and women before sailing, and some were cheated out of it by merchants. So very often the sailor had nothing to show for a month's work. Hence, the "dead horse."

For the ceremony sailors fashioned horses of shipboard scrap to drag around the deck. They hoisted them aloft and threw them into the ocean. One of the best descriptions is given in "Reminiscences of Travel in Australia, America, and Egypt." by Richard Tangye 1884.

<u>4. Don't Forget Your Old Shipmate</u> Off-watch Fo'c's'le /Wardroom Song Roud V23285

A traditional song that was sung by British Royal Navy sailors in the Napoleonic Era (1799-1815). It is to be found in Volume 32 of **Naval Songs and Ballads** (Charles Harding Firth, Navy Records Society 1908). It is sung in a wardroom scene in the film **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (2003).

The middle watch, more popularly known as the "dog" watch was from midnight until 4 am.

<u>5. Drunken Sailor</u> Stamp and Go / Hand over Hand Roud 322; G/D 1:4; Ballad Index <u>Doe048</u>; traditional.

The words and the music appeared in Francis Allyn Olmstead's memoir **Incidents of a Whaling Voyage** (D. Appletone & Co, New York 1841)

<u>6. Fire Marengo</u>

Cotton Screwing

Ballad Index <u>Hugi016</u>; traditional.

Cotton screwing was about the hardest shipboard task there was: the bales of cotton were forced into the hold until they were packed solid. The men who worked at this would be shore-bound sailors, working in the harbours of the Southern States till they had saved up some money; all nations were represented, so the songs they sang would perhaps contain references to Sally Brown's counterpart in all parts of the world. In this version the sailor came from Liverpool.

Charles Nordhoff gives a detailed description of the task in Chapter 4 of **The Merchant Vessel - Sailor Boy's Voyages** (Cincinnati: Moore, Wilstach, Keys & Co., 1856).

7. Haul Away Joe

Tacks and Sheets/Short Drag

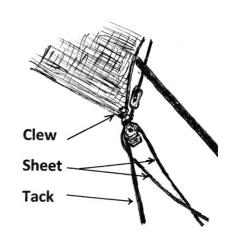
Roud 809; Ballad Index Doe004; traditional.

Early 18th Century short-drag shanty commonly used for tightening the sheets. The last word 'Joe' was the moment for all hands to pull together. Additional verses were added by the shantyman until the duty was done to the mate's satisfaction. When Cecil Sharpe collected the shanty from John Short at Watchet; the latter said it was a "tacks and sheets" shanty. (English Folk Chanteys: London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent. 1914) [note the alternative spelling of shanty].

The tack of a square sail is

The **sheet** is the rope attached to the clew, used to control the setting of a sail in relation to the direction of the wind. The sheet is often passed through a tackle before being attach to fixed points on the deck.

the line attached to its clew. Clews are the lower two corners of a square sail. Square sails have sheets attached to their clews like triangular sails, but the sheet are used to pull the sail down to the yard below rather than to adjust the angle it makes with the wind.



8. Haul on the Bowlin' Sheeting Home the Foresail/ Short Drag Roud 652; G/D 1:1; Ballad Index Doe009b; traditional

Haul on the Bowlin' is one of the oldest shanties (16th Century?). On a square-rigged ship, a bowline is a rope that holds the edge of a square sail towards the bow of the ship and into the wind, preventing it from being taken aback.

A ship is said to be on a "taut bowline" when these lines are made as taut as possible in order to sail close-hauled to the wind. The bowline became obsolete with the introduction of staysails in the early 18th Century but continued in use as a short drag shanty. It became a favourite song for sheeting home the foresail and for other jobs calling for a few good pulls. The pull came on the word "haul" at the end of each verse.

We suggest introducing the harmony line in the chorus from verse 4 onwards.

9. Heave Away Me Johnny Warping Out of Harbour/ Windlass Roud 616; Ballad Index Doe063; traditional.

A favourite shanty for windlass work, when the ship was being warped out of harbour at the start of a trip. A log rope would be made fast to a ring at the quayside and run round a bollard at the pier-head and back to the ship's windlass. The shanty-man would sit on the windlass head and sing while the spokesters strained to turn the windlass. As they turned, the rope would round the drum and the ship nosed seaward amid the tears of the women and the cheers of the men. This version was sung by the Indian Ocean whalers of the 1840s. 'Kingston' is another name for Hull.

Cecil Sharp collected this windlass shanty from Captain Vickery of Minehead, Somerset, on 8th August 1904, and again on 21st August 1907. On 21st April 1914, he collected it again from John Short of Watchet.

In John Houston's 1956 classic film of Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick", the *Pequod* is warped out of Nantucket harbour to this shanty.

10. John Kanaka Long Drag /Halliards

Roud 8238; Ballad Index <u>FaE050</u>; traditional

A halyard shanty, one of 36 collected from shantyman, "Harding, the Barbadian" by Stan Hugill. (Shanties from the Seven Seas: London, E. P. Dutton and Company 1961) The word *kanaka* is of Polynesian and Melanesian origin, with the meaning of "man" or "human-being". In the 19th century, large numbers of Melano-Polynesians were "recruited" as indentured labourers to work, not only as sailors, but ashore all across the west coast of America from Chile to Canada, as well as in Queensland, Australia. Many were "hired out" by the Hawaiian king, while others, especially on Peruvian and Australian plantations were victims of "blackbirding", which was basically slavery by another name. Over 60,000 were recruited in Australia from 1863 on, but most were subsequently deported in 1906-08 under the "White Australia" policy.

<u>11. Leave Her Johnny</u> Pumps

Roud 354; Henry H53b; Ballad Index <u>Doe089</u>; traditional.

This was usually the last shanty sung on a journey. With the ship safely berthed, her sails harbour-furled and gear cleared away, there was one last job to do and that was to pump her dry; a job that was only over when that sucking sound was heard and the officer gave the order, "That'll do men"

"Her": ships are usually given a feminine pronoun.
Footnote: H53b indicates inclusion in Sam Henry's collection **Songs of the People** (University of Georgia Press 1990)

12. Nelson's Blood

Stamp and Go/Brace the Yards

Roud 3632; Ballad Index Doe049; traditional.

The Rum Ration became a Royal Navy tradition from around 1655 onward. A pint of rum was the ration handed to each sailor every day, half served at 12 noon and the second half at about 5 or 6pm (though the amount given decreased in later years). Sailors had a daily tot of rum until the practice ended on 31 July 1970. Legend has it that Pusser's Rum (The purser's rum) was referred to as 'Nelson's Blood', because after Admiral Nelson's death at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, his body was preserved in a cask of rum. During the long journey home someone drilled holes in the side of the cask and the liquid was drained. So the sailors essentially drank Nelson's blood and the legend was created.

The origins of this shanty may be a Salvation Army revivalist hymn *Roll the Gospel Chariot* or it may have started out as a Negro gospel song *Roll de Ole Chariot Along* as the reported earliest reported text publication of the text was in a books of Spirituals published in the late 19th century. Whatever its origins, it would have been used to brace the yards.

13. Old Billy Riley

Fast Pulling Halliards

Roud 4701; Ballad Index Hug452; traditional.

A halyard shanty with a remarkable tempo for fast pulling and quick breathing. A 'drogher' was a ship in the West Indies sugar trade. The sail would need to be light, or the occasion desperate, for men to haul at the halyards to such a fast beat. The song's roots are likely to be the sugar or cotton trade.

Both Cecil Sharp [English Folk-Chanteys, London, 1914] and Richard Runciman Terry [The Shanty Book Part II, Curwen & Sons London, 1926] collected this song from John Short at Watchet (though presumably not on the same day!). It also appears in Cecily Fox Smith's A Book of Shanties (London Methuen & Co 1927).

14. Paddy Doyle's Boots

Bunt Shanty

Roud 4695; Henry H53c; Ballad Index Doe010; traditional

This is one of the few shanties reserved for bunting the fore or mainsail. Men aloft, furling the sail, would bunch the canvas in their hands till it formed a long bundle, the 'bunt'. To lift the bunt on to the yard, in order to lash it into position, required a strong heave. If the canvas was wet and heavy, several attempts would be needed before the sail was bunted. Bunt shanties differ from others in that they employed fewer voices, and were sung in chorus throughout. Paddy Doyle, the villain of this shanty, was a Liverpool boarding house keeper.

15. Randy Dandy O

Heaving the Anchor/Windlass

Roud 4702; Ballad Index Hugi167; traditional

Captain John Robinson in **Songs of the Shanty Man** (*a series published July-August 1917 in The Bellman (Minneapolis)* dates the earliest version of this capstan shanty to Canada under the title "Galloping Randy Dandy O." Stan Hugill in **Shanties from the Seven Seas** commented that Robinson cleaned up notable bawdy shanties so that they were suitable for publication. Both "rollicking" and "galloping" are replacement words for some informal slang meaning a 'dressing down' or a 'telling off.' Thus the original verses would have been a not so subtle mockery of the ships officers.

The Horn - Cape Horn

Pawl - A short bar if Iron that prevents the capstan or windlass from turning back, heaving a pawl likely refers to turning around the capstan, this is, after all, a capstan shanty.

Vallipo Bay - Valparaíso, Chile. A common stop for ships that voyaged around Cape Horn.

16. Reuben Ranzo

Top Gallant Halliards

[Roud 3282; Ballad Index Doe023; traditional.

A great favourite among topgallant halyard shanties. It has been suggested that "Ranzo" is a corruption of the name: Lorenzo. American whaling ships often recruited Portuguese seamen in the Azores, and Ranzo may have been one of these. However, if the song originated in whaling vessels it seems to have spread quickly to ships of other kinds and became as well known to British as to American seamen. Richard Runciman Terry gives four variants of the tune in **The Shanty Book Part 1** London Curwen & Sons 1921. It also appears in one of the earliest anthologies **Music of the Waters** collected by Laura Alexandrine Smith (London Keegan Paul, Trench & Co 1888)

17. Rolling Down to Old Maui Off-watch Fo'c's'le Song

Roud 2005 ; Ballad Index SWMS027 ; traditional

The words first appeared written in the **Ships Log of the Sail-Ship Atkins Adams** in 1858. They tell how the crew of a whaling ship look forward to returning to Maui after a season of whaling in the Kamchatka Sea.

Maui is one of the Hawaiian islands. In the eighteen fifties and sixties, the Pacific whalers used to meet there, or in nearby Oahu, twice each year. In March they fitted out for the summer season in the Arctic, when they fished the bowhead grounds off Kamchatka and the Gulf on Anadyr. In November, they were back again, to fit out for sperm-whaling in the tropical and subtropical waters of the Southern Seas. Hence this song, bidding farewell to the bitter North, and looking forward to the South.

18. Sally Brown Roud 2628

Heaving the Anchor/Windlass

Cecil Sharpe (**English Folk-Chanteys**) collected this shanty from Mr Charles Robbins at London in the early 1900s but this is a much older song. The earliest version was recorded in 1858, but not as a sea shanty but as a forebitter: a ballad to be sung after the work is done. Later however it was used as a windlass shanty. American lumbermen used it as an axe-cutting song The earliest reference is in a description of a passage to America in the 1830s. There are at least five variants of the tune. The name Sally Brown creeps up regularly in shanties; she may have been from New York or from New Orleans and a Creole Lady or alternatively she might have been a Scouse girl from Liverpool.

<u>19. Sally Rackett</u> Catting the Anchor/Tops'l Halliards

<u>Roud 395</u>; Ballad Index <u>FSWB086A</u>; traditional also indexed as *Haul her Away* and *Cheer'ly Men*

There are 18 document references under the single Roud Number 395 The various versions of both two shanties have textural similarities but the tunes and rhythms, calls and responses can be quite different between what are supposed to be the similar versions of the same. A confusing situation!

However, this tops'l halyard song was said to be so very British that it was "frowned upon aboard American ships."

Richard Henry Dana mentions this shanty in **Two Years Before the Mast** (New York Harper and Brothers 1840) based on the 'log' that he kept while aboard the brig *Pilgrim* on a voyage round Cape Horn between 1834 and 1836. It was used for 'catting' the anchor, the order being "Cat and fish the anchor", "let's have *Cheer'ly Men*".

20. Shenandoah

Capstan/Windlass

Roud324

The earliest textural reference to Shenandoah is in Alfred M Williams' **Studies in Folk-Song and Popular Poetry**.(London, Elliot Stock 1895). In **Sea Songs and Shanties** (Glasgow, James Brown & Sons 1910) Captain William Boultbee Whall informs us that in the early days of America, rivers and canals were the chief trade and passenger routes, and boatmen were an important class.

The canoe-going fur-trading *voyageurs* were great singers, and songs were an important part of their culture. The flat-boatmen who plied the Missouri River in the early 19th century were known for their shanties, including "Oh Shenandoah". Sailors heading down the Mississippi River picked up the song and made it a capstan shanty that they sang while hauling in the anchor. This boatmen's song found its way down the Mississippi River to American clipper ships, and thus around the world.

Shenandoah (1710-1816) was an Oneida Chief in the Iroquois First Nation Confederacy. He is buried in the campus grounds of Hamilton College (previously The Oneida Academy) Clinton, New York State. He wasn't a place. This is not an American Civil War story. However you will find pages of explanations if you care to look! Beware!

These notes are not definitive but have been made to encourage you, the reader and singer to explore the many resources to be found on the world wide web.

Some travel writers, and mariners of the 19th Century showed interest in this genre.

At the beginning of the 20th Century the importance of transcribing the songs from the remaining primary sources was recognised and carried out by a handful of collectors.

From the middle of the last century another generation began the task of recording them as sound files and so it continues.

Perhaps the 21st Century task is to video these songs performing the tasks they were created for; stored in digital formats for future generations. Now that's going to be a real challenge as the number of working tall ships is quite small. There is some original very early archive film in film agencies but it is not open source and so cannot be shared.

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Appendix 2: Richard Dana's List of Nautical Terms

Abaft towards the stern

Bale to pump or lift out water

Ballast weight taken aboard to keep a vessel steady

Bare poles no sails are set

Beam ends to turn over to one side

Bear down to come after a vessel from windward Bear up or away to bring a vessel round to leeward

Belay to fasten ropes round pins

Bend to make fast

Binnacle a box near the helm enclosing a compass
Bitts pieces of wood to which cable is fastened
Blocks wooden wheels through which tackle passes

Boatswain the officer in charge of the rigging

Boom a spar in which the foot of a studding sail is extended

Bow front or prow Bower an anchor

Bowline a rope extending from the edge of a square sail

Bowsprite a spar protruding beyond the bow

Brace a rope by which the yards are turned about

Broach to to veer suddenly

Bulwarks woodwork round the vessel above deck

Bumpkin a projecting spar Bunt the middle of a sail

Bunting material used for festive flags

Buntlines ropes for hauling sails

Cable's length 720 feet

Capstain a machine set perpendicular to the deck for heaving or hoisting

Careen to lie over

Cat the anchor after heaving, to fasten the achor to a cat-head Cat-head a piece of wood projecting from ship's side

Cat's paw a light current during calm/ a hitch made in a rope

Caulk to close seams with oakum

Chafing gear a covering on rigging to prevent rubbing

Chock a wedge

Clew/clue the lower corner of a sail

Close-hauled yards braced up so as to sail as close as possible to windward

Coxswain the steersman of a boat who is in charge of it

Earing a rope fastening the ends of a reefband to the yard.

Fathom six feet

Fid a wooden pin for splicing ropes

Flying jib the sail beyond the jib - (a triangular sail near the bow)

Fore and aft lengthwise with the vessel

Forecastle the part of the deck in front of the mast

Frap to wrap rope as reinforcement to roll up a sail on a boom yard

Futtock shrouds links in the rigging from the outer edges of a top downwards

and inwards to a point on a mast or shroud

Gaff a spar to which the head of a fore-and-aft sail is attached

Galley what!!!! you don't know where to find the food!

Guess warp the rope attaching a boat to the boom

Gunwale the upper rail

Halyards/halliards ropes used for hoisting or lowering sails

Hawse/hawser cables placed before a ship's bows when moored.

Heave to to lie to; to stop

Heel over to lie over to one side Hogged strained at each end

Holy stone a large stone for cleaning the deck

Jib triangular sail near the bow

Jolly-boat a small boat hoisted at the stern

Jury a prefix meaning temporary

Kedge a small anchor

Keelson a strenthening beam parallel to the keel of a ship

Kink a hard twist in a rope
Knot one nautical mile per hour
Larboard left side (modern usage: port)

Lay come or go

Leeward the opposite of windward

Lighter a boat used in loading and unloading List the inclination of the vessel to one side

Log a line used at the stern to find the speed of the vessel the part of ship where the planks bend towards stern the part of an oar resting between the pins or rowlocks order to the helmsman to keep nearer to the wind

Lug sail a sail that hangs obliquely to the mast

Lugger a small vessel carrying lug sails

Marline spike an iron pin

Martingale a beam used to strenthen the bowsprite and held at right

angles to it

Mate an officer under the captain
Midships the middle part of the ship
Mizzen mast the mast nearest the stern
Moor to anchor by two anchors

Neap tides low tides occurring at the middle of the moon's 2nd & 4th

quarters

Oakum used for caulking and filling holes
Off-and-on tacking to and from the land

Overhaul to slacken ropes

Painter the rope at a boat's bow for making fast
Pawl an iron check bar to prevent turning back
Pay off when the vessel's head falls off from the wind

Pay out to let cable run out

Pinnacle a largish boat between a launch and a cutter in size

Poop the high deck at the stern

Port left side (larboard)

Quarter-deck the part beyond the main mast

Rake inclination of a mast from the perpendicular Ratlines/Rattlins small tarred ropes often in form of a ladder to reduce sail size by tying up the reef bands

Reeve to pass the end of a rope through a block or a hole Rowlocks the apertures or pins in a gunwale for oars to rest in

Royal light sail above the top gallant

Run to let go at once instead of slacking off

Sag to drift

"Sail ho" a stranger ship has been sighted Scud to drive before a gale without sails

Scull a short oar

Seize to fasten a rope

Shearpole an iron rod fastened to the shrouds to prevent twisting

Sheet anchor the main anchor

Shrouds ropes supporting the masts
Sinnet braided grass for rope making
Skysail alight sail above the royal

Slack the loose or hanging part of a rope or a sail

Slew/slue to turn round

Smoking ship fumigating the ship

snub to check a rope suddenly

"So!" the order to stop pulling a rope

Spanker a for-and-aft or gaff-rigged sail on the afmost mast

Spar a mast, yard or boom

Spell a portion of time given to any work

"Spell ho" exclamation when relieved from work by another Spencer a fore-and-aft sail, abaft fore and main masts

Splice to join two ropes together

Standing part of a rope or rigging made fast

Starboard the right side

Stay to put a vessel about on another tack

Stays thick ropes fastening masts from the top of one to the foot of

another

Strike to lower

Studding sails set outside square sails

Swab a mop of old rope

Tack to put about by bringing head around as apposed to "wearing"

Taffrail the railing round the stern

Tail up or down swinging up or down with the tide when at anchor

Taunt high or tall

Thole-pins pins of wood or metal for holding oars: same as rowlocks

Thwarts the oarsmen's seats across a boat

Tiller the spoke handle on the rudder of a sailing boat

Timber-heads projecting pieces of wood to which ropes are made fast

Top the platform on a mast resting on trestle-trees

Top-gallant mast the third mast above the deck
Top light a signal lantern carried aloft
Top-mast the second mast above deck
Touch applied to a flapping sail

Transoms pieces of wood across the sternpost

Trestle-trees timbers at the masthead to support cross-trees and tops

Trice to haul up by means of a rope Trick a man's time at the helm

Truck a knot of wood on the top of the highest mast

Trysail a fore and aft sail set behind

"Turn up" the order to summon men from below Vang the rope used for steadying a gaff

Veer to change

Veer and haul to pull and slack alternately

Warp to move a vessel from one place to another by means

of a rope made fast to a fixed object

Wear to turn a vessel round from the stern
Weather the direction from which the wind blows

Weatherly ship a ship that works well to windward

Weigh to lift the anchor

Windlass a rotary machine used for the same purpose as a capstan

but placed horizontally on deck.

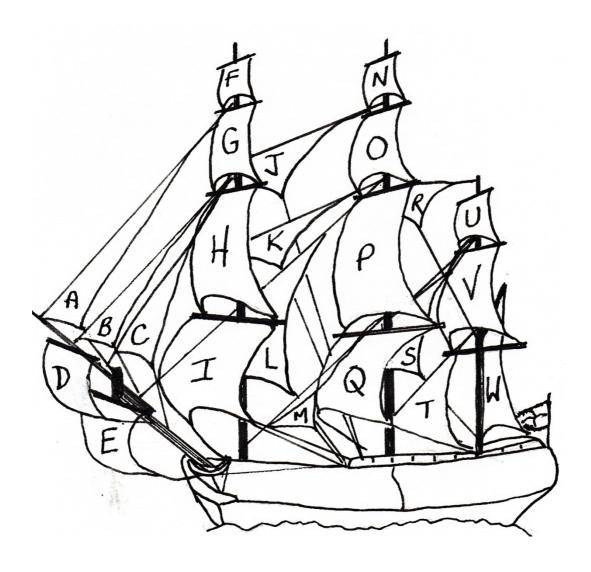
Yard a long spar to which a sail is attached

Yard-arm the extremity of a yard

Yoke wooden handle to the rudder in a rowing boat with lines for

each hand to steer by

Appendix 3: Sail plan of a typical late eighteenth century ship



- A flying jib
- B jib
- C fore topmast staysail
- D spritsail topsail
- E spritsail
- F fore royal
- G fore topgallant sail
- H fore topsail

- I foresail
- J main topgallant staysail
- K middle staysail
- L main topmast staysail
- M main staysail
- N main royal
- O main topgallant sail
- P main topsail

- Q mainsail
- R mizzen topgallant staysail
- S mizzen topmast staysail
- T mizzen staysail
- U mizzen topgallant sail
- V mizzen topsail
- W mizzen sail