

Traditional British Sea Songs

BOUND FOR THE RIO GRANDE

(4 verses)

CHORUS:

... "Oh, Rio"
... "And we're bound for the Rio Grande.
Then away love, away, 'Way down Rio,
So fare ye well my pretty young gel.
For we're bound for the Rio Grande."

BLOW THE MAN DOWN

(4 verses)

CHORUS:

... "To me Way-ay, blow the man down."
... "Oh— gimme some time to blow the man down."

BILLY BOY

(3 verses)

CHORUS:

... "Where hev ye been aal the day, me Billy Boy?"
... "And me Nancy kittl'd me fancy
Oh me charmin' Billy Boy."

SHENANDOAH

(4 verses)

CHORUS:

... "Away you rolling river."
... "Away, I'm bound to go 'Cross the wide Missouri."

MY BONNIE IS OVER THE OCEAN

(3 verses)

CHORUS:

... "Bring back, bring back,
Bring back my Bonnie to me to me;
Bring back, bring back,
O bring back my Bonnie to me."

FIRE DOWN BELOW

(3 verses)

CHORUS:

... "Fire, fire, fire down below,
It's fetch a bucket o' water girls,
there's fire down below."

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE DRUNKEN SAILOR?

(4 verses)

CHORUS:

... "Hooray and up she rises,
Hooray and up she rises,
Hooray and up she rises
Early in the morning."

THE MERMAID

(3 verses)

CHORUS:

... "While the raging seas did roar.
And the stormy winds did blow.
And we jolly sailor boys were up, up aloft
And the land lubbers lying down below,
below, below,
And the land lubbers lying down below."

National Songs

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY

1. I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
2. And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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| 1. God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen! | 2. Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The Queen! |
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