Liverpool Judies



When I wuz a youngster I sailed wid de rest, On a Liverpool packet bound out to the West, We anchored one day in de harbour of Cork, Then we put out to sea for the port of New York.

Chorus: Singin' ro-o-o-oll, ro-o-o-oll, roll, bullies, roll! Them Liverpool judies have got us in tow!

For forty-two days we wuz hungry an' sore, Oh, the winds wuz agin us, the gales they did roar; Off battery Point we did anchor at last, Wid our jibboom hove in an' the canvas all fast. De boardin'-house masters wuz off in a trice, A-shoutin' an' promisin' all that wuz nice; An' one fast ol' crimp he got cotton'd to me, Sez he, "Yer a fool lad, ter follow the sea."

Sez he, "There's a job is a waitin' fer you, Wid lashin's o' liqour an' begger-all to do;" Sez he, "What d'yer say, lad, will ye jump 'er, too?" Sez I, "Ye ol' bastard, I'm damned if I do."

But de best ov intentions dey niver gits far, After forty-two days at the door of a bar, I tossed off me liquor an' what d'yer think? Why the lousy ol' bastard 'ad drugs in me drink.

Now, the next I remembers I woke in de morn, On a three-skys'l yarder bound south round Cape Horn; Wid an' ol' suit of oilskins an' three pairs o' sox, An' a bloomin' big head an' a dose of the pox.

Now all ye young sailors take a warnin' by me, Keep a watch on yer drinks when the liquor is free, An' pay no attintion to runner or whore, Or yer head'll be thick an' yer fid'll be sore.