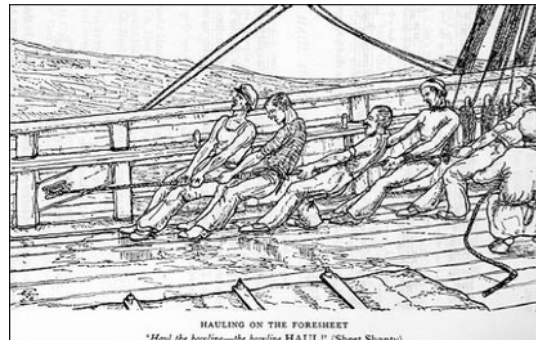


Bring 'Em Down

1. In Liverpool I was born
Bring `em down
And London is me home from home!
Bring `em down
2. Them Rotherhithe girls, they look so fine,
Bring `em down
They're never far behind their time!
Bring `em down
3. It's round Cape Horn we must go,
Bring `em down
Up the coast to Vallipo,
Bring `em down
Onwards to Callao
Bring `em down
4. Them Callao girls I do adore
Bring 'em down
They takes it all and asks for more!
Bring 'em down
5. Them Callao girls puts on a show,
Bring `em down

- They waggle their arse with a roll and go!
Bring `em down
6. It's back to Liverpool,
Bring `em down
I spent me pay like a bloody fool!
Bring `em down
7. Them Liverpool girls I do admire,
Bring `em down
They'll set your riggin' all afire!
Bring `em down
8. I'm Liverpool born and bred,
Bring `em down
Strong in the arm and thick in the head!
Bring `em down
9. Come rock and roll me over, boys,
Bring `em down
Let's get this damn job over, boys!
Bring `em down!

Illustration from **Hugill, Stan, 1994, *Shanties from the Seven Seas***
"A short pull and a hard one"



Notes

A shanty used for **heavy hauling**.
Also known as a **heavy-haul one-pull shanty**.

This version: [Hanging Johnny](#) CD **No Other Life**

A L **Lloyd**, 1962, in *sleeve notes for A Sailor's Garland* by A L (Bert) Lloyd & Ewan MacColl, on the Prestige label, writes:

This tune (a Dorian one) was brought to Liverpool from the West Indies where a variant of it had served as a challenging stick-fight song.

Among the vessels that adopted the tune as a shanty for heavy hauling were those running up the coast of Chile. Old-time sailors, who had a high regard for Valparaiso women, pronounced Chile to rhyme with "versatile". [or smile].

Web site [Exmouth Shanty Men - the original buoy band](#) says

A heavy-haul, one-pull shanty with a triple-stamp refrain. Some of the words refer to ports of Chile and Peru and the memorable girls thereof but that doesn't mean this shanty was limited to the West Coast run.

Notes on the words

Bring 'em down - the sails, probably.

Vallipo - Valparaiso.

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