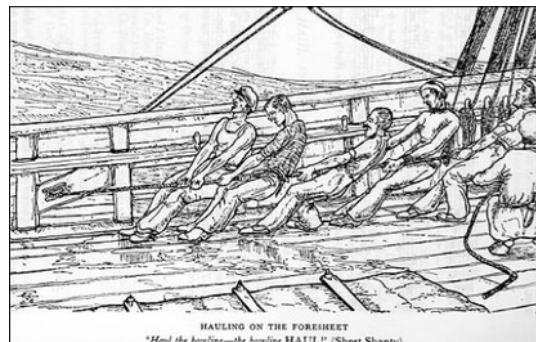


Bring 'Em Down

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| <p>1. In Liverpool I was born
And London is me home from home!</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down</p> | <p>They waggle their arse with a roll and go!</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down</p> |
| <p>2. Them Rotherhithe girls, they look so fine,
They're never far behind their time!</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down</p> | <p>6. It's back to Liverpool,
I spent me pay like a bloody fool!</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down</p> |
| <p>3. It's round Cape Horn we must go,
Up the coast to Vallipo,
Onwards to Callao</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down
Bring `em down</p> | <p>7. Them Liverpool girls I do admire,
They'll set your riggin' all afire!</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down</p> |
| <p>4. Them Callao girls I do adore
They takes it all and asks for more!</p> | <p>Bring 'em down
Bring 'em down</p> | <p>8. I'm Liverpool born and bred,
Strong in the arm and thick in the head!</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down</p> |
| <p>5. Them Callao girls puts on a show,</p> | | <p>9. Come rock and roll me over, boys,
Let's get this damn job over, boys!</p> | <p>Bring `em down
Bring `em down!</p> |

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**.

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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 port in Chile, south of Callao port in Peru.

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