

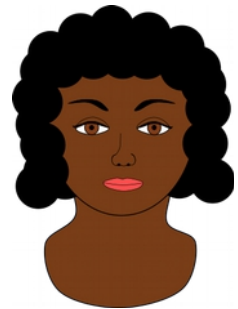
Sally Brown

1. Sally is a bright Mulatta
Way, hey, roll and go
She drinks rum and chews terbacca
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
2. Sally lives in old Jamaica
Way, hey, roll and go
Selling rum and growing terbacca
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
3. Sally lives on the Old Plantation
Way, hey, roll and go
She's a daughter of the Wild Goose Nation
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
4. Sally's teeth are white and pearly
Way, hey, roll and go
Her eyes are dark and her hair is curly
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
5. The sweetest flower in the valley
Way, hey, roll and go
Is my own, my pretty Sally
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
6. I bought her gowns and I bought her
laces
Way, hey, roll and go
I took her out to all the places
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
7. I call her my Queen of Faces
Way, hey, roll and go
Bought her coral beads and laces
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
8. Sally Brown what is the matter?
Way, hey, roll and go
Pretty girl but I can't get at her
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
9. For seven long years I courted Sally
Way, hey, roll and go
But she always dilly dallied
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
10. Sally Brown she would not marry
Way, hey, roll and go
I no longer care to tarry
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
11. She would not have a tarry sailor
Way, hey, roll and go
She would not have a greasy whaler
Spend my money on Sally Brown.

12. For Sally Brown I took the notion
Way, hey, roll and go
To sail across the bleedin' Ocean
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
13. I shipped aboard a New Bedford Whaler
Way, hey, roll and go
When I returned she was courting a tailor
Spend my money on Sally Brown.
14. Sally Brown I'm bound to leave yer
Way, hey, roll and go
Oh heave a pawl, oh pawl and heave her!
Spend my money on Sally Brown.

Hulton Clint sings this at youtu.be/FVUn_v3jIzA

The Spinners sing a shorter version, with audience participation! at youtu.be/Q6ts58a8Dfk



The face and neck of an african-american woman with curly hair, by [barnheartowl](#) from [clipart.com](#).

Notes

A **capstan** shanty

Names: Roll 'n' go, Sally Brown

Stan Hugill, in *Shanties from the Seven Seas*, 1994, gives twenty-one verses and two other versions with different tunes. He says it was very popular; it had many obscene verses, which probably accounts partly for the fact that its popularity never waned.

"The West Indian seaman **Harding**, from whom I had many verses, informed me that [Sally Brown] was still used (in 1930) in Jamaica to '**roll de logs**' around Black River and other logwood ports of the West Indies and Honduras.

This shanty [appears] in one of **Captain Marryat's** works describing a passage to America aboard a packet ship in the 1830s.

Mulatta is a coloured lady (definitely not white, despite what some shantymen sing)

Hulton Clint's verses above are from Hugill's book.