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VERBIAGE

This collection of basically traditional songs is neither a work of scholarship nor an editorial feat. It is a labor of love, combined with aspects of drudgery and inspired by the great pleasure of sharing songs and harmonies with other like-minded folks. It has given me, its editor, an opportunity to dust off and put to use some dormant music notation skills whose purpose for having acquired in the first place had been a mystery 'til now.

The most immediate goal for this song book is as a means of communication within the Song Circle itself, and will serve to bring newcomers up to date. In a sense, it provides an historical record of the repertoire of group-type songs which we have pooled thus far. I am hard put to keep that record current. A further design for the book is to make it available to other such groups, to make contact, to exchange songs, information and ideas with people beyond our immediate locality. The present loose-leaf format is intended to facilitate adding new songs.

The songs herein were, for the most part, transcribed from tapes made during Song Circle sessions. Some were borrowed--copied outright or altered--from publications like Come All Ye, the journal of the Vancouver Folk Song Society, and Sing Out!, and have yet to be used by permission.

The phenomenon of the Seattle Folklore Society Song Circle deserves some attention here. It all began rather by default, as Jon Bartlett of the Vancouver "Folk" looked at Stan James, a 'lifer' of the S.F.S., during a Folklife Festival workshop in May 1977, saying something to the effect that seated there was a nucleus for the future Seattle Song Circle, and that it was now up to Stan to do something with the group. He did, and we did, and all of us have been meeting each Sunday since June at the S.F.S. Clubhouse, 5257 University Way.N.E., Seattle.

Don't get me wrong; the old Seattle Folk Music Society of the 50's had been composed mainly of singers. But in the S.F.S., singing had long been taking a back seat to instrumental music. Except for performances and private parties,

singers have not had a forum nor a gathering place for sharing their music.

And we were ready. In fact, our coming together resembles something skin to spontaneous combustion. We may burn out if we continue at the rate we've been going. There has been a notable resurgence of energy and enthusiasm among singers for a participatory, inclusive music-making experience. This latest revival is a welcome one, particularly for those of us who have weathered the commercial efforts throughout the late 50's, 60's and 70's to make folk music a spectator sport. There is a discernible difference, too, between the quality of ho-hum sing-alongs of the past and the richness and variety currently being explored. And the home-made music network is extending here on the West Coast, linking traditional singers and song circles from San Diego to Vancouver. Who knows what lies beyond?

I want to express my appreciation to the members of the Song Circle who have cooperated with me in this endeavor and with whom I look forward to spending many more hours of song swapping and sweet harmonies.

Sally autford Sept. 1977

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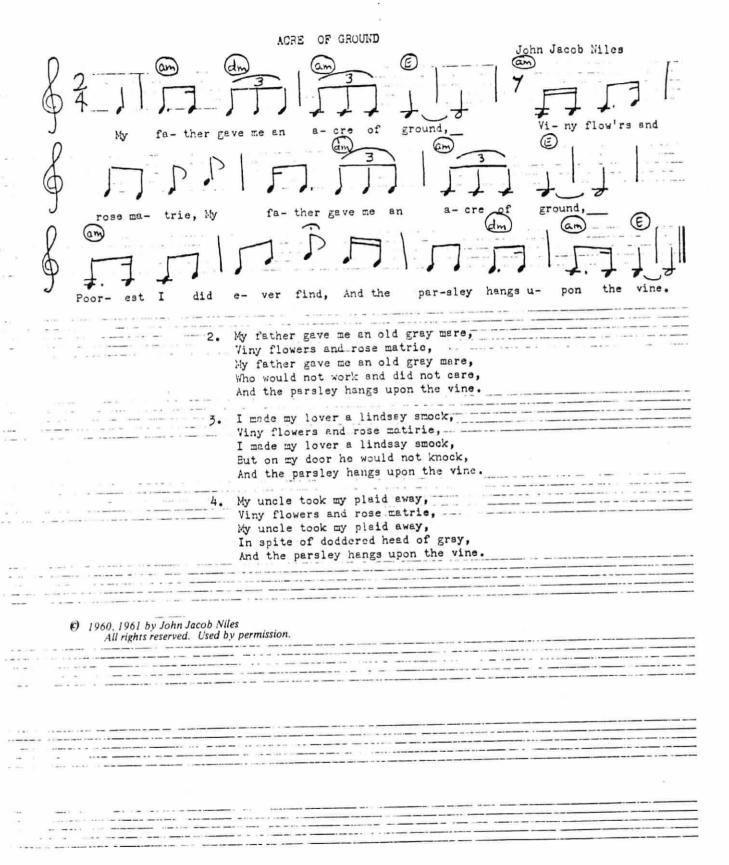
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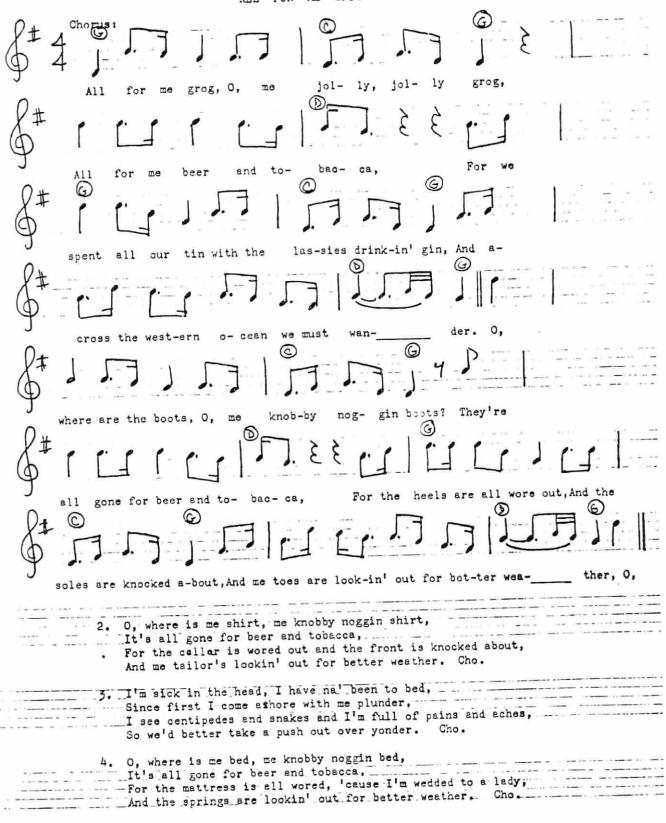
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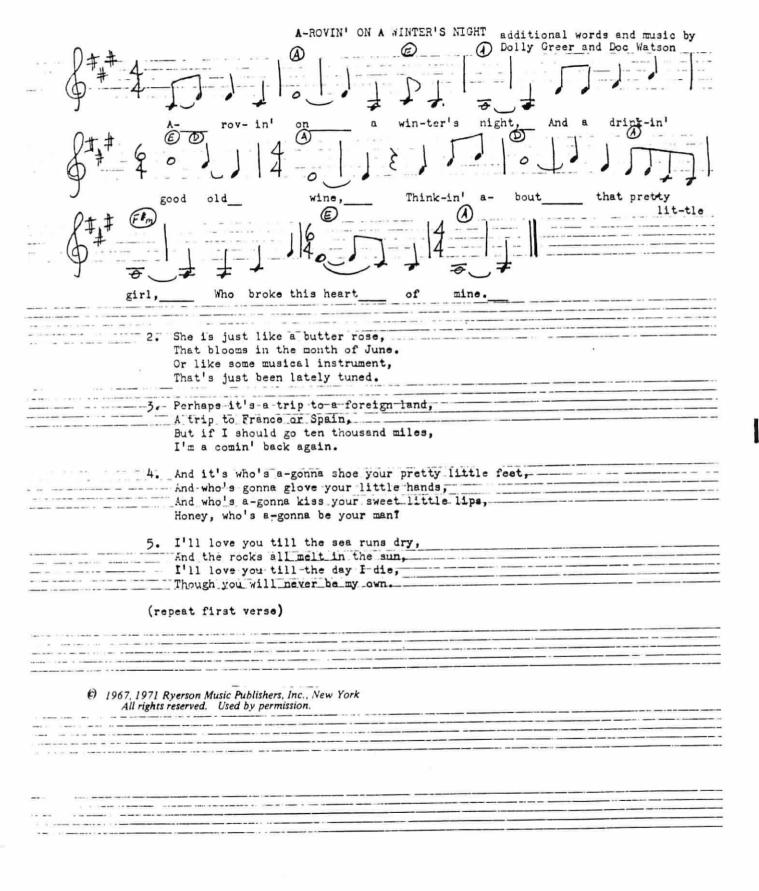
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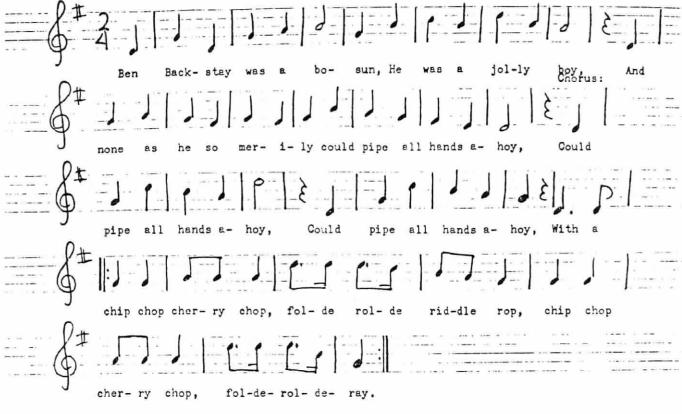
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- 2. And when unto his summons,

 We did not well attend,

 No man as he so merrily,

 Could handle the rope's end, etc.

 5. A mark was on the sterboard bow,

 rks don't on manners stand,

 For they do grapple everything,

 Just like your sharks on land, etc.

 - 3. While sailing with our captain,

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- 3. While sailing with our captain, 6. We threw Ben out some tackling,
 Who was a jolly dog, To give his life some hope,
 Our Ben and all his mess mates But as the shark bit off his head, Had a double round of grog, etc. He could not spy the rope, ctc.
- And leaning oe'r the starboard side;
- 4. So Een he grew quite tipsy, 7. Without his head, his ghost appeared, Right to his heart's content, All on the briny lake, -- He piped all hands shoy and cried, And lesning oe'r the starboard side, the piped all hands aboy and cried, Right overboard he went, etc. "Lads warning by me take," etc.
 - δ. Through drinking grog I lost my life, "So lest my fate you meet, "Why, never mix your liquors, lads, "But always take them nest," ctc.

BENJAMIN BOMANEER



2. Of a shear board he made a horse,
Benjamin Bemaneer,
Of a shear board he made a horse,
Casters away,
Of a shear board he made a horse,
All for him to ride across,
And the bold tailor rode prancing aw ...

- Of his scissors he made bridle bits, :tc.
 To keep the horse in his wits, etc.
- 4. As the tailor rode o'er the lea, etc.

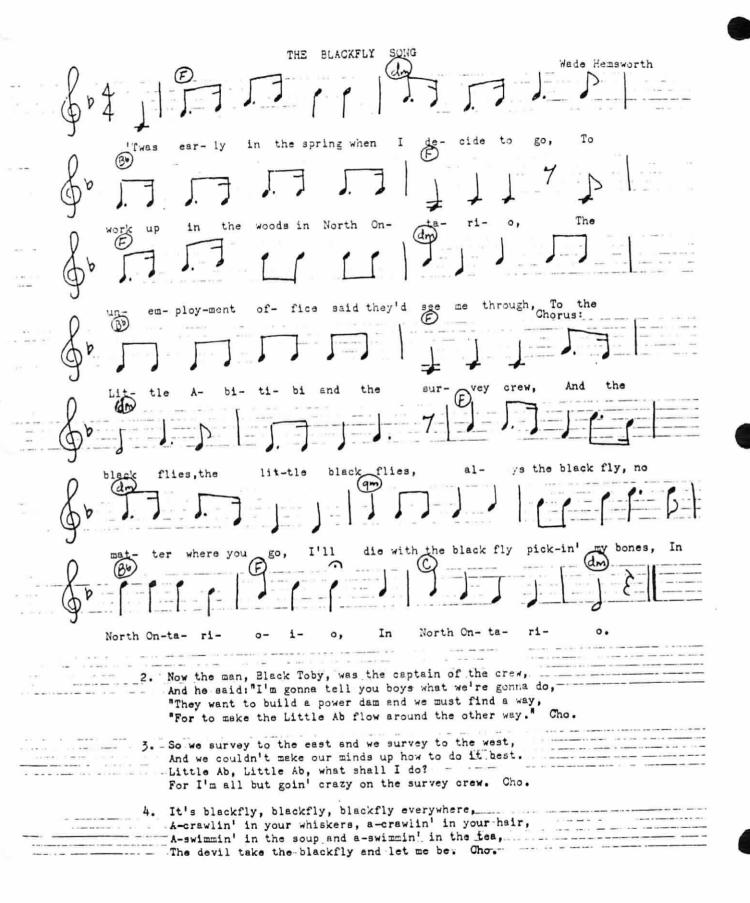
 He spied a flea on his knee, etc.
- Of his needle he made a spear, etc.
 And pierced the flee through his ear, etc.

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- 6. Of his thimble he made a bell, etc.
 To ring the flea's funeral knell, etc.
- So that's how the war began, etc.
 When England fought to a man, etc.



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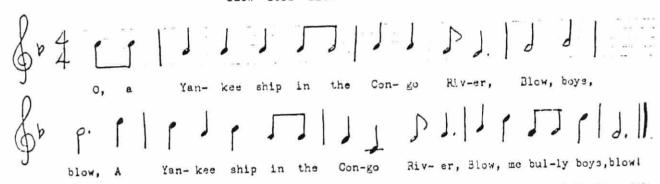


THE BLACKFOY DONG (cont.)

- 5. Black Toby fell to swearin' our the work went slow, And the state of our morele was a-gettin' mighty low, The flies swarmed heavy; it was hard to catch a breath, As you staggered up and down the trail talkin' to courself. Cho.
- 6. Now the bull cook's name was Blind River Joe, If it hadn't been for him se'd've nover pulled through, For he bound up our bruises and he kidded us for fun, And he lathered us with becon grouse and balsam gum. Cho.
- 7. At lest the job was over; Black Toby said, "We're through, "With the Little Abitibi and the survey crew."

 'Twas a hellava experience and this I know-I'll never go again to North Ontario. Cho.
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BLOW BOYS BLOW



- A Yankee ship in the Congo River, Blow, boys, blow, Her masts and spars, they shine like silver, Blow, me bully boys, blow.
- 3. How do you know she's a Yankee clipper? etc.

 The Stars and Stripes, they fly above her...
- And who do you thinks the skipper of her? etc.
 Holy Joe, the darky slaver...
- 5. And what do you think she's got for a cargo? etc.
 O, guns and shot, she runs the embargo...
- 6. And what do you think they'll have for dinner? etc.
 Hot water soup, but slightly thinner...
- 7. O, blow today and blow tomorrow, etc.
 O, blow for all old ters in sorrow...

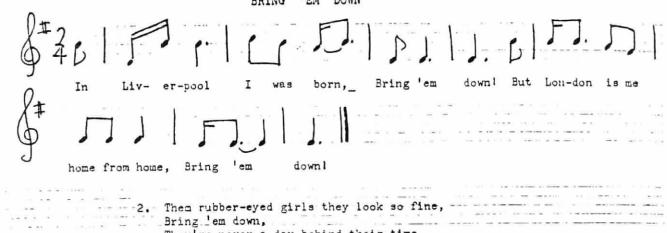
Come all you young fel-lows that fol-lows the sea, To me way, hey,
blow the man down, Now, please pay at- ten- tion and li-sten to
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J me, Give me some time to blow the man down.
2. I'm a deep-water saibor just come from Hong Kong, etc. If you give me some whiskey, I'll sing you a song, etc. 3. On a trim Black Ball liner, I first served me time, On a trim Black Ball liner I wasted me prime, etc.
4. When a trim Black Ball liner's preparing for sea, You'd split your sides laughing, such sights you would see,etc.
5. There's tinkers and tailors, shoemskers and all, They're all shipped for sailors on board the Black Ball.
TO BE THE REPORT OF THE PARTY O
Alternate version
2. As I was a-welking down Paradise Street, A pretty young damsel I chanced for to meet.
3. I came alongside her and took her in tow, And broadside to broadside away we did go, etc.





- 2. Oh, where are our dear fathers?
 Oh, where are our dear fathers?
 Oh, where are our dear fathers?
 Day is breaking in my soul.
- 3. Some are down in the valley, pring,
 Some are down in the valley, pring,
 Some are down in the valley, pring,
 Day is breaking in my soul.
 - 4. Some have gone to heaven, shouting,
 Some have gone to heaven, shouting,
 Some have gone to heaven, shouting,
 Day is breaking in my soul.
 - 5. Bright morning stars are rising, Eright morning stars are rising, Bright morning stars are rising, Day is a-breakin' in my soul.

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- They're never a day behind their time, Bring 'em down.
- 3. And now it's round the Horn we go.

 All through the ice and snow.
 - 4. Up the coast of valley-fo, Northward to Callao.

- 5. Them Callao girls I do adore,
 They takes it all and they asks for more.
 - Them valley-fo girls put on a a show, With a wraggle-the-arse and a roll and go.
 - 7. And now it's back to Liverpool,

 Where you spends your money like a bloody fool.

8. I am Liverpool born and bred, Strong in the arm and thick in the head.



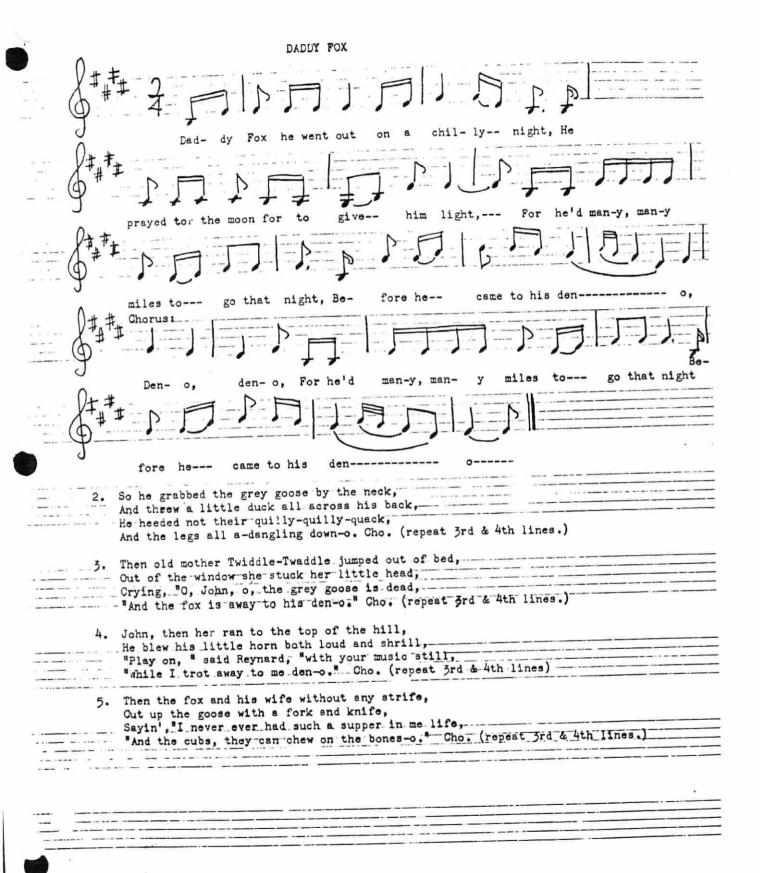
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- 2. O, the Marg'ret Evens of the Blue Cross line, Ah hee, ah ho, are you most done? So clear away the track and let the bullgine run! She's never a day behind her time,
 - 3. O, when I come home across the sea, An hee, ah ho, are you most done? Clear away the track end let the bullgine run! It's Liza, will you marry me?

as printed in Sing Out!, Vol. 10, No. 2, Summer 1960

	Gordon Bok
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Take me back on	the bay, boys, Clear a- way in the
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mor- ning, I	don't want to go a- shore, boys,
J -3-1	
O, bring 'er	'round.
C	ake me back on the bay, boys, lear away in the morning, don't wanta spend my pay, boys, bring 'er 'round.
3. (Captain, don't you leave me, etc. Chere's no one here that needs me, etc.
4. 1	Nancy, O, my Nancy, etc. She never played it fancy, etc.
5,-1	Bring-me wine and brandy, etc.
6.	Captain, don't let the main down, etc. Captain, don't let the chain down, etc.
	Osptain, don't-you leave, now, etc. There's nothing I can do, boys, etc.
8.	Nancy, O, my Nancy, etc. Nancy, O, my Nancy, etc.
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- 2. My father's own father, he waded that river,

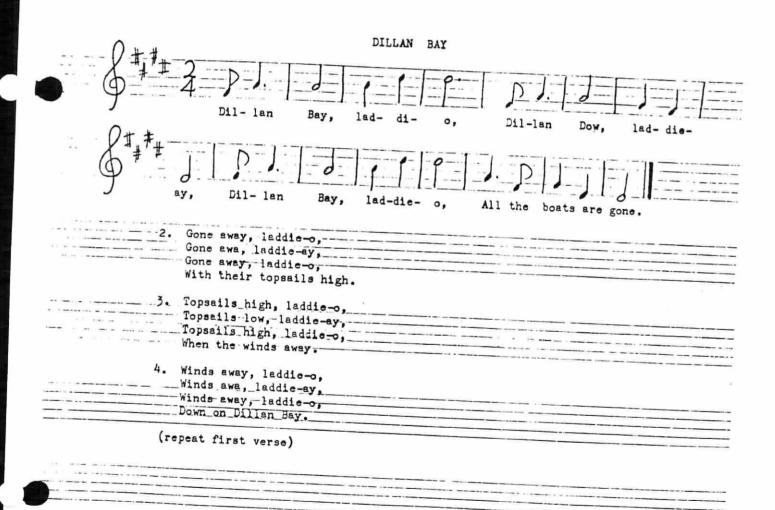
 They took all the money he made in his-life,

 My brothers and sisters come workin' the fruit trees,

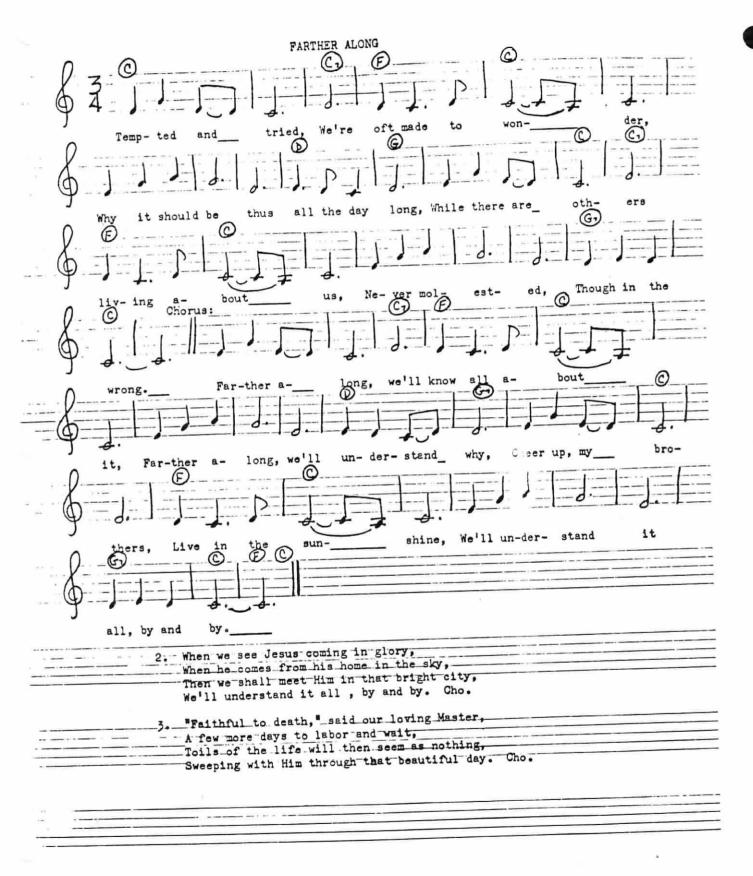
 And they rode that truck till they took down and died. Cho.
- 3. We died in your hills and we died in your deserts, we died in your valleys we died in your plains, we died in your bushes, Both sides of the river, we died just the same.

DEPORTSE (cont.)

- 4. The sky plane caught fire over Los Gatos Canyon, A fireball of lightning that shook all our hills, Who are all these friends, all scattered like dry leaves? The radio says they are just deporters. Cho.
- 5. Is this the best way we can grow our big prehards? Is this the best way we can grow our good fruit? To scatter like dry leaves and rot on our topsoil, And be known by no name except deportes. Cho.
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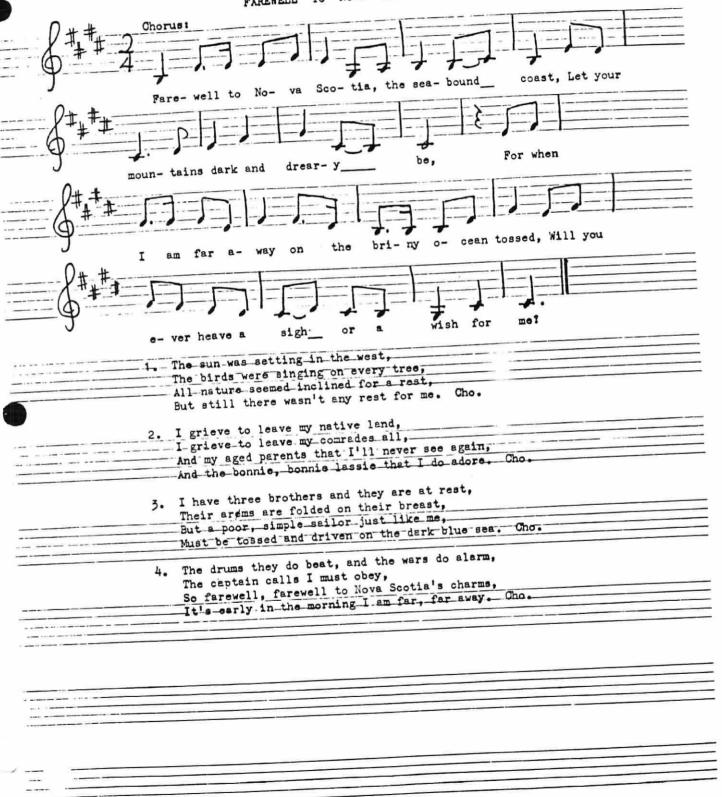


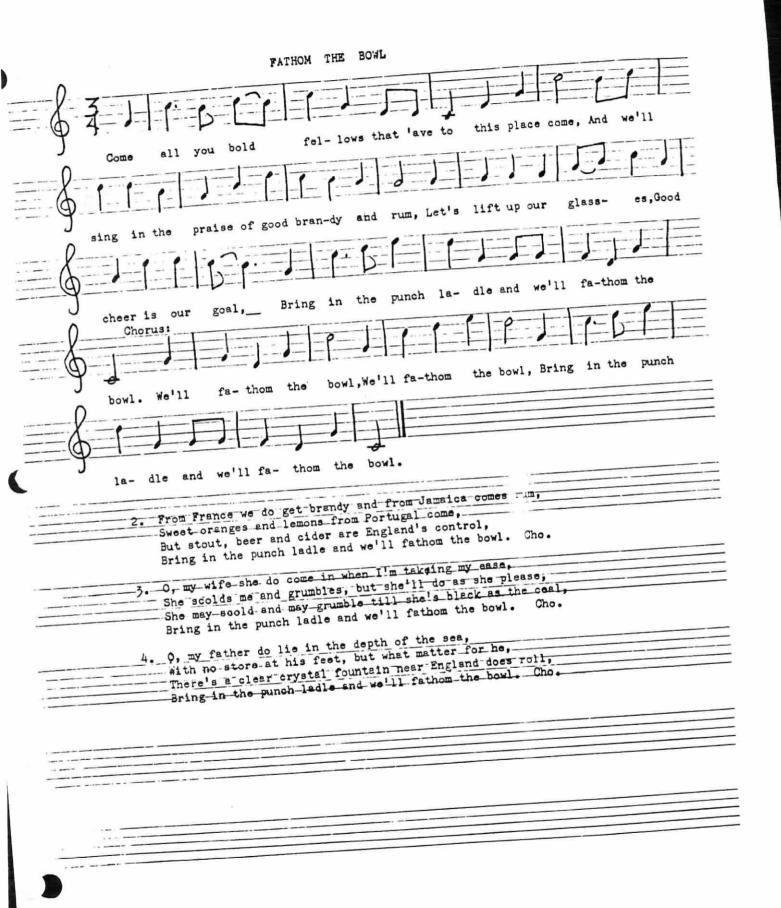




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FAREWELL TO NOVA SCOTIA









GOODNIGHT SONG (cont.)

- Lead: One of these mornings bright and early and fine, good night...

 Not a cricket, not a spirit gonna shout me home, good night...

 I go a-walkin' in the Valley of the Shadow of Death, good night...

 And his rod and his staff shall comfort me, good night, good night,
- Cho.: Lord, I bid you good night, good night, etc.
- Lead: O, John, the devine, he saw the sign, good night...

 O, John say, "I seen a number of signs," good night...

 "To wait for the ark, that wonderful boat," good night...

 "No they fill it on the land, gettin' water to float," good night...

 And we tellin' all the beasts of the endin' of the world, good night...

 And they beat all the children when they wouldn't be good, good night...
- Cho .: : Lord, I bid you good night, good night, good night, etc.
- All: Lay down, my dear brother, won't you lay and take your rest?
 Won't you lay your head upon your savior's breast?
 And I love you, but Jesus loves you the best,
 And I bid you good night, good night, good night...
- Lead: I remember quite well, I remember quite well, good night...

 I was a-walkin' in Jerusalem just like John, good night, good night,





And as I welked the streets about, the whores they all did roar, "Ther goes Jack Rack, the poor sailor lad, he must go to sea onee more."

Once more, me boys, once more, he must go to sea once more, There goes Jack Rack, the poor sailor lad, he must go to sea once more.

GO TO SEA ONCE MORE (cont.)

3. And as I walked about the streets, I met with Raffer Brown, I asked him for to take me on and he looked at me with a frown, He says, "The last time you was paid off, with me you chalked no score, "But I'll give you a chance and I'll take your advance, "And I'll send you to see once more."

Once more, me boys, once more, to go to sea once more, I'll give you a chance and I'll take your advance, And I'll send you to sea once more.

4. He put me on board of a whalin' ship, bound for the Arctic Seas, where the cold winds blow through the ice and the snow, And Jamaica Rum would freeze, But worst to bear, I'd no hardware nor gear, for I'd lost all me money on shore.

It was then that I wished that I was dead, And could go to sea no more.

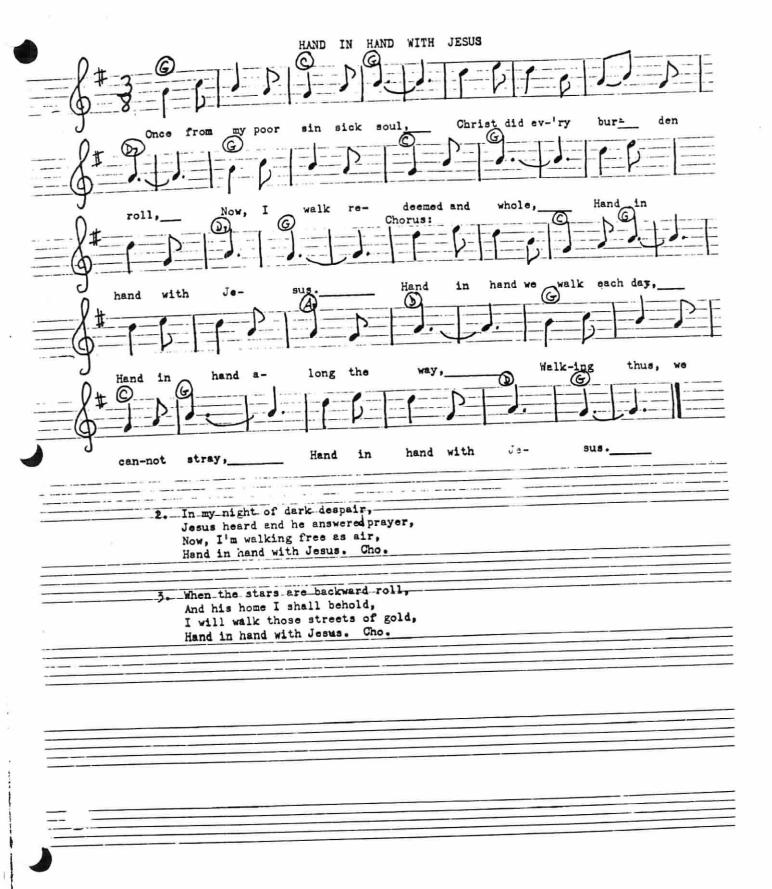
No more, me boys, no more, go to sea no more, It was then that I wished that I was dead, And could go to sea no more.

5. So come all ye bold seafarin' men, who listen to me song, when you come off them long trips, I'll not have you go wrong, Take my advice, drink no strong drink, don't go sleepin' with no whore, Get married instead and spend all night in bed, And go to sea no more.

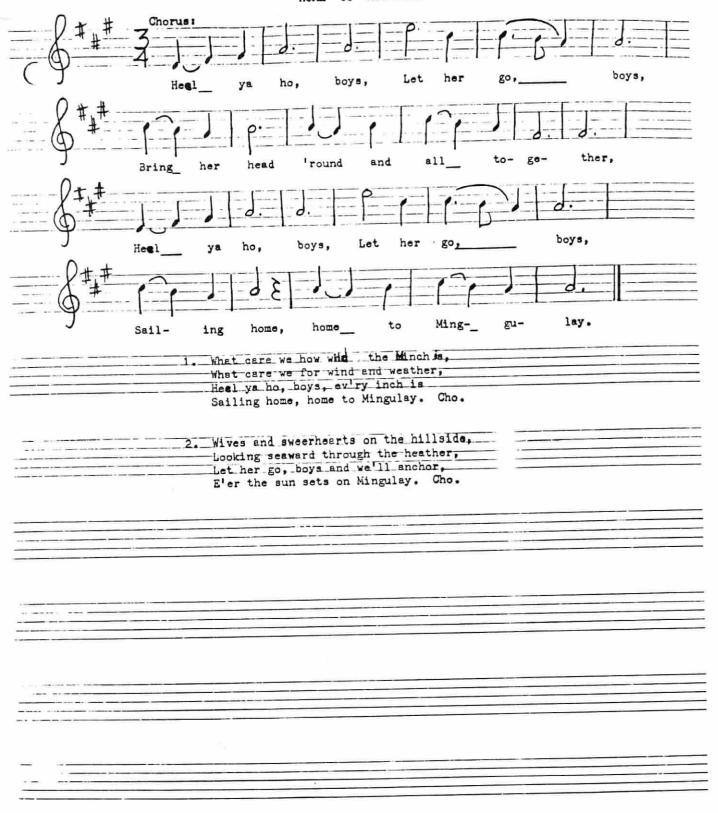
No more, me boys, no more, and go to sea no more, Get married instead and spend all night in bed, And go to sea no more.

GREENLAND WHALE FISHERY





HOME TO MINGULAY





What raises high me dander, next door lives a Newfoundlander,

His wife, I cannot stand her since high livin' she began,

First came the railroad racker, then the salt-fish packer,

That steal the sheese and crackers from the honest workin' man. Cho.

HONEST WORKIN' MAN

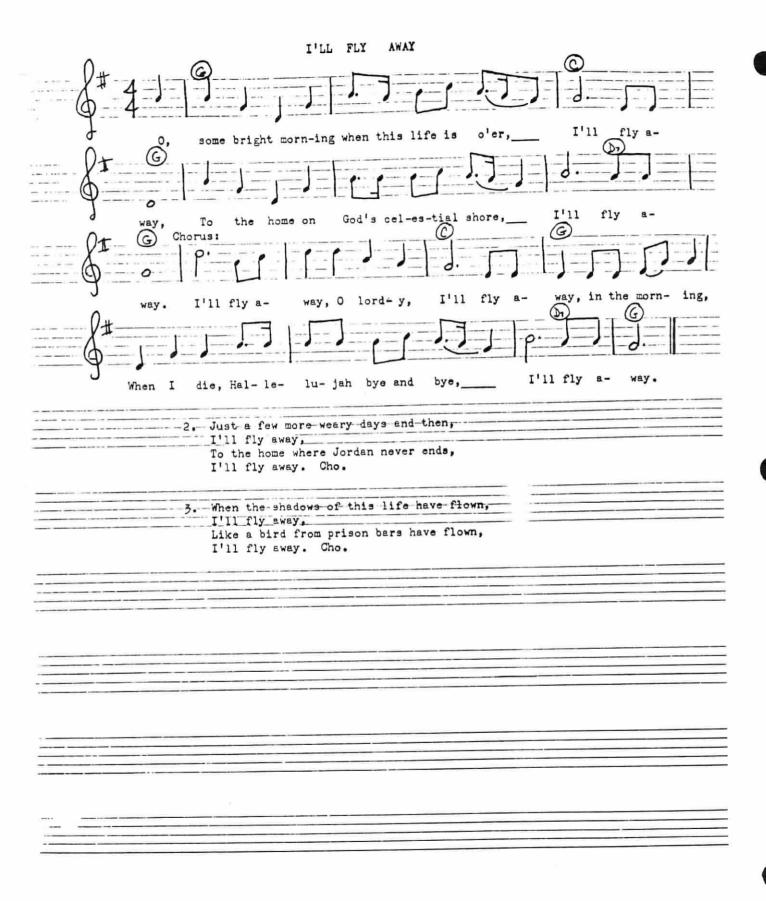
- 5. When it's early in the autumn and the fish freeze to the bottom, We'll board a 3-ton schooner and sail 'round the Western Shore, They're loaded with provisions, hard tac and salt-fish mizzens, The likes you never seen of since the downfall of Brader. Cho.
- 4. We crossed the Bay of Fundy, and arrived here on a Monday, Did ya see me brother Angus, ah, tell me if ya can? He was once a salt box greaseman, but now he is a policeman, 'Cause he couldn't turn his livin' as an honest workin' man. Cho.
- 5. Now the men who mixes mortar makes a dollar and a quarter, And the sugar factory worker only makes a dollar ten, Now, I've got me a neighbor who subsists on outside labor, In winter scarcely makes enough to keep a sickly hen. Cho.

HOUSEWIFE'S LAMENT



HOUSEWIFE'S LAMENT (cont.)

- 5. "It's sweeping at six and its dusting at seven, It's victuals at eight and it's dishes at nine, It's potting and panning from ten to eleven, We scarce break our fast 'til we plan how to dine. Cho.
- 6. "With grease end with grime, from corner to center Forever at wer end forever alert, No rest for a day lest the enemy enter, I spend my whole life in a struggle with dirt! Cho.
- 7. "Last night in my dreams I was stationed forever On a far little rock in the midst of the sea, My one chance for life was a ceaseless endeavor To sweep of the waves as they swept over me. Cho.
- 8. "Alas, 'twas no dream--Ehcad I behold it,
 I see I am Helpless my fate to avert."
 She lay down her broom, her apron she folded.
 She lay down and died and was buried in dirt. Cho.



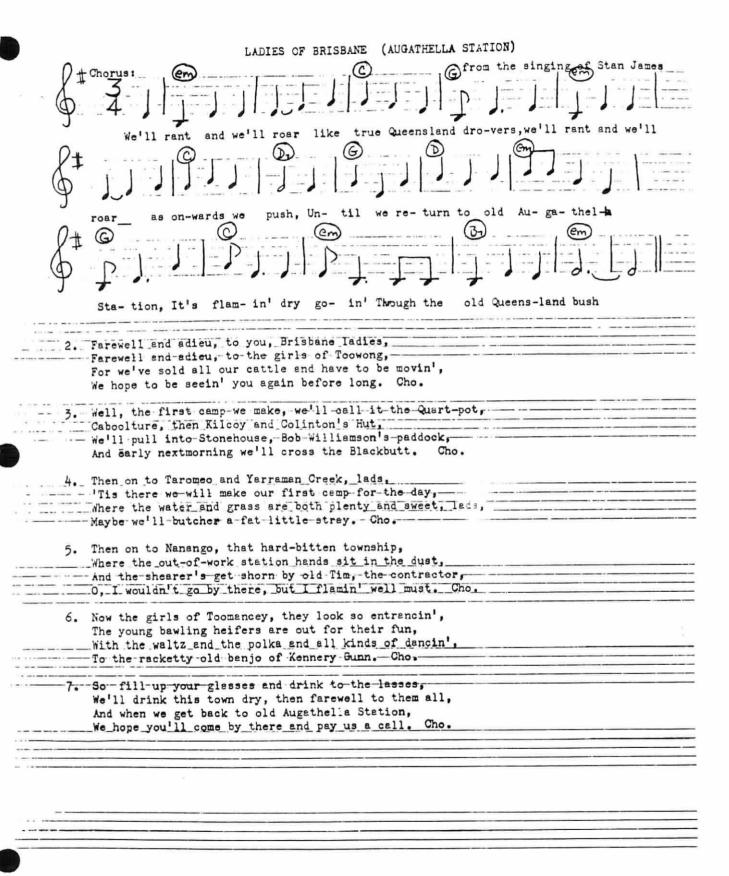




JOHNNY'S COMIN' DOWN TO HILO



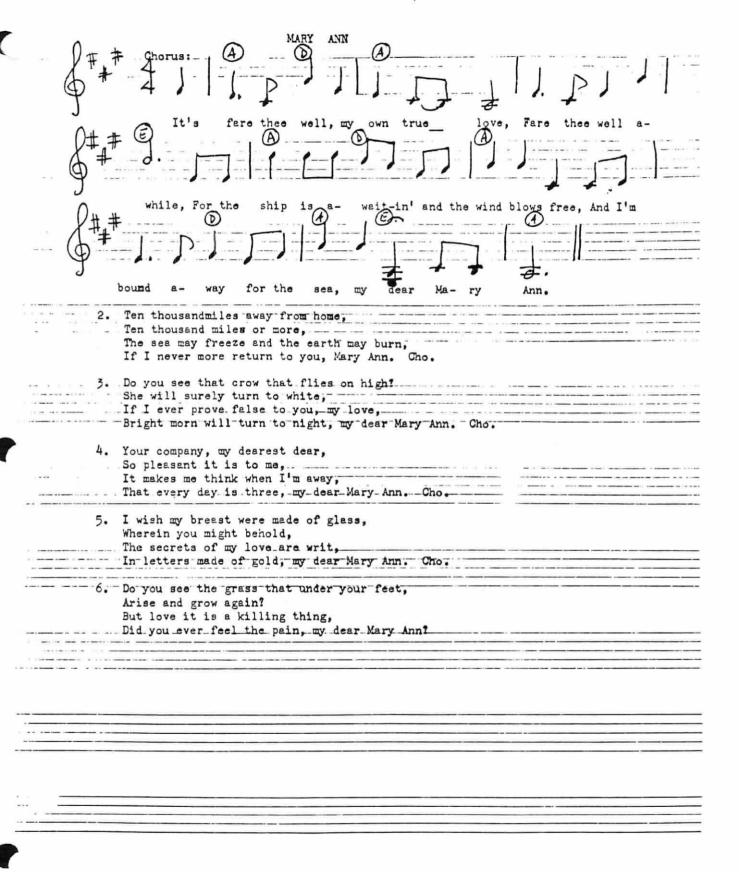














MIGRANT SONG (cont.)

- 3. Soon in the long rows the swift hands are toiling,
 In the day's growing heat and the dusty rows boiling,
 And the sun presses down like a hot heavy hand,
 On the backs of the laborers working the land,
 In the shade of the oak tree by the side of the field rows,
 Dirty and shoeless, the young children play,
 while fathers and mothers, older sisters and brothers,
 Toil on their knees in the heat of the day. Cho.
- 4. Down from the highway come men in brown uniforms, Questioning, checking and searching and soon, One or two whose papers are not in order, Will be gone form the crew in the hot afternoon, But when the sun has descended and the long day is ended, It's back to the trucks, wiping sweat from their eyes, Tired and weary and covered all over, With fruit juice and brown dust and sweat and black flies. Cho.
- Mhen there's crops in the field rows and grapes in the vineyards,
 And the limbs in the orchards bow low to the ground,
 There's food on the table and clothes for the children,
 And singing and dencing and joy all around,
 But when skies gray as iron and the icy wind's wristling,
 Frost in the fields, and no work's to be found,
 In the cold night they huddle and with hunger they struggle,
 'Til spring brings back sweetness and life to the ground. Cho.



Outside: Mr. Fox's garden, three maids playin' with a golden ball, Jenny threw it up and Susan caught it, Mary bounced it over the wall, The wall is high, Mr. Fox has a little red eye.

In she ran to fetch her ball again, the garden gate stood open wide,
It silently closed and locked behind her, Mr. Fox stoo: just inside,
The wall is high, his eyes are cruel and his smile is ly.

He says, "I'll keep this golden ball, Miss Mary. I shall have it and here you shall stay,

"You will keep my house and be my servent, never stray out for a year and a day."

The wall is high. The grasses shiver and the palm trees sigh.

Spring and summer passed like shadows. She saw the green leaves fade and fall, She walked alone in the empty; garden. Mr. Fox said nothing at all. The wall is high. Never a soul from near nor by.

But three strange things he did forbid her:
"Never touch my iron box. Never go near the thirteenth bedroom."
"Nor near the bed," said Mr. Fox.
The wall is high. Mary, don't you dare ask why.

Mary, she rose up one morning, found an iron box on the shelf,
But of all the rooms of Mr. Fox's; bedrooms there were only twelve.

The wall is high, Mary don't you peep nor cry.

One day Mr. Fox went walkin'. In that box she found a key.

It fitted a door she'd never unfastened. And when she opened it, what did she see

The wall is high. The key said run and the door said fly.

In Mr. Fox's thirteenth bedroom a naked sword hung on the wall.

In a silver bowl on the bed's black counterpane there she espied her golden ball.

The wall is high. The bed said, "Come," and the sword said, "Die."

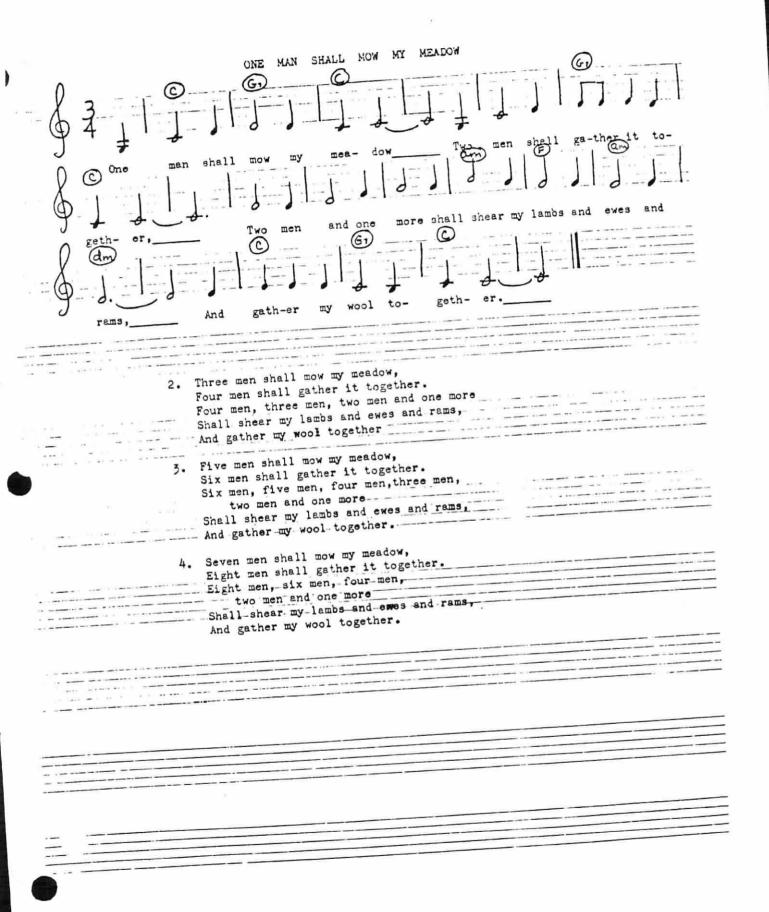
MR. FOX (cont.)

In she ran to fetch her ball again, to snatch it off that great black bed.
Out jumped Mr. Fox and lept at her. His teeth flashed white and his eyes
burned red,

The wall is high.



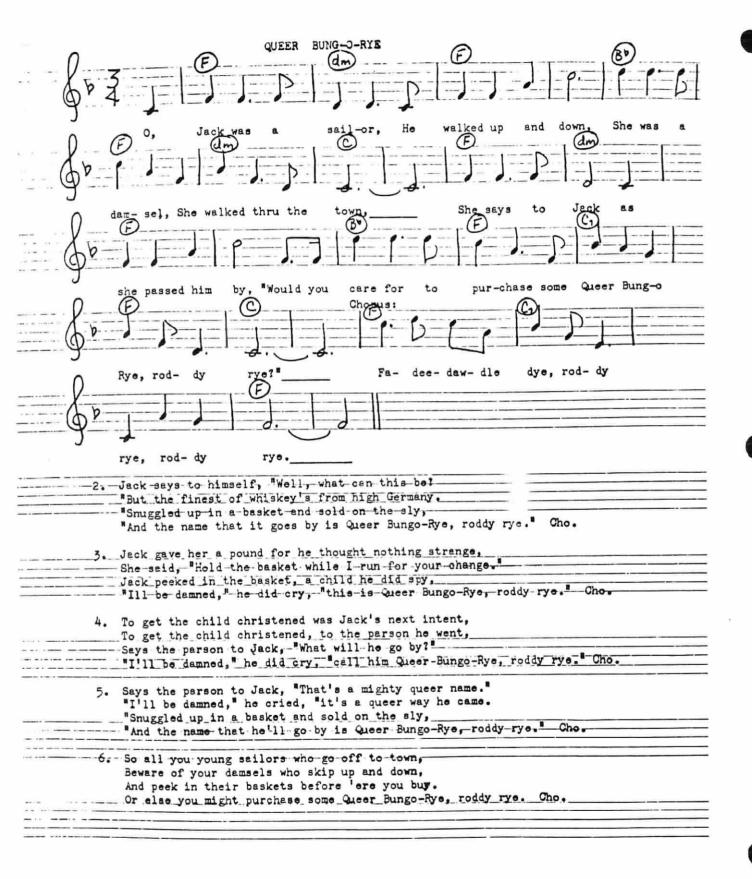








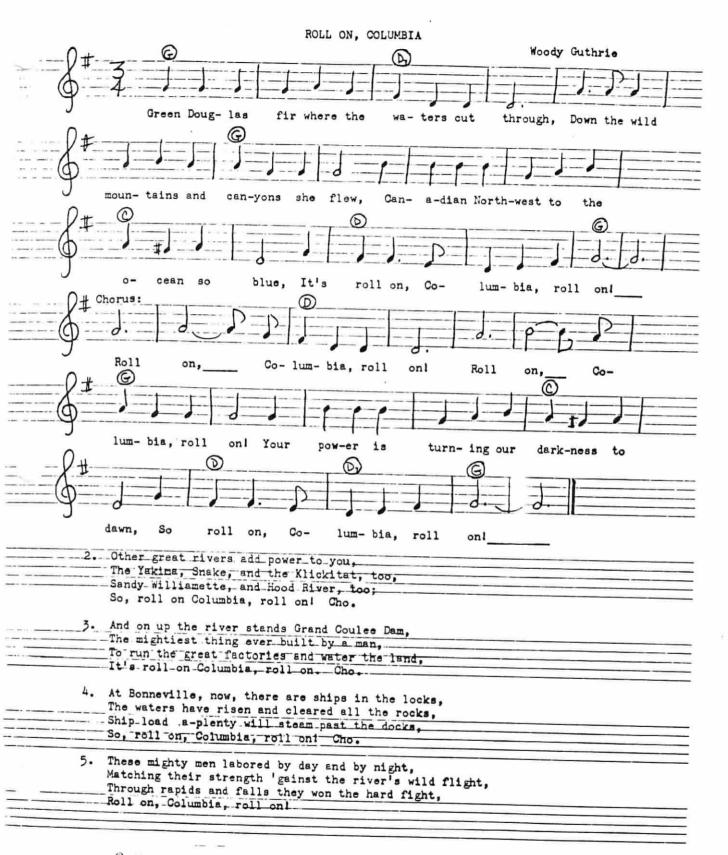
She taught him navigation,
 An' gave him eddication.

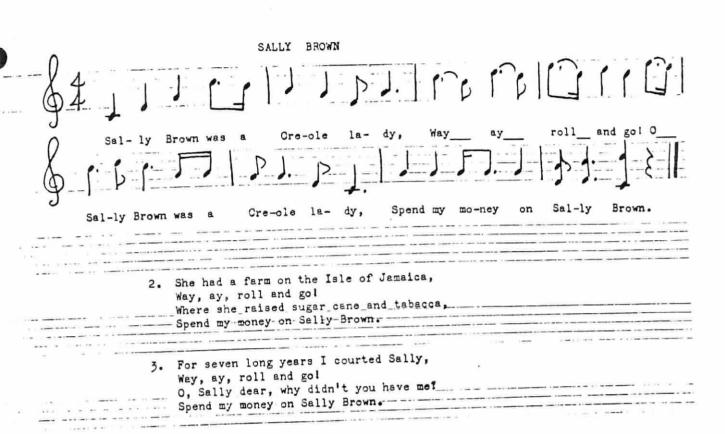














4. Sally free and easy, that should be her name, (repeat) When my body's landed, hope she dies of shame.

(repeat first verse)

from the singing of Dick Holdstock





STORMALONG

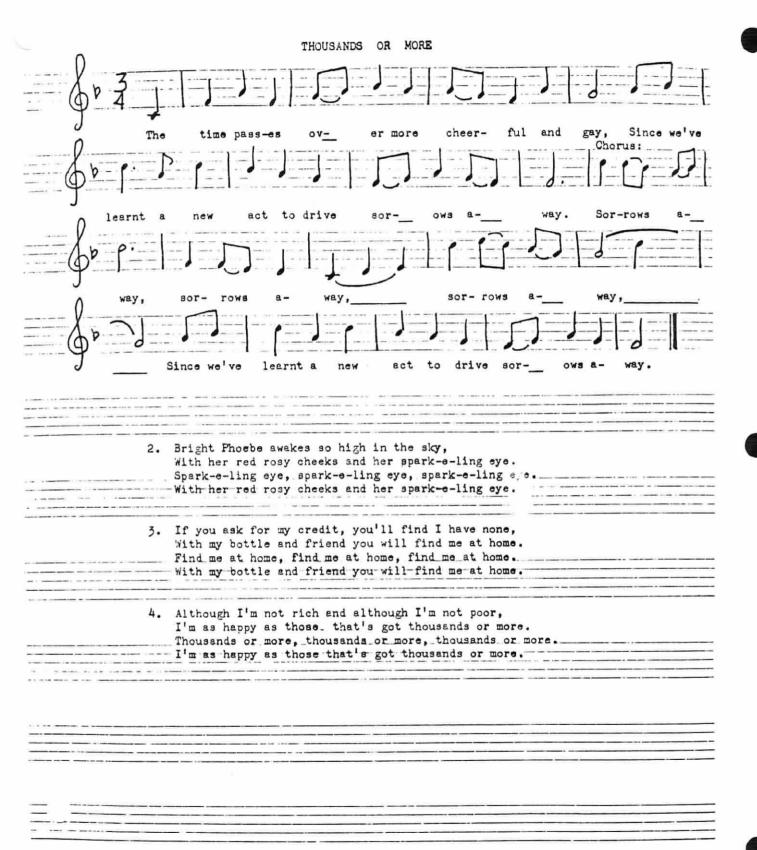
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O, Storm-y's gone that good old man, Way, high
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Storm-a- long, O, Storm-y's gone that good old man, Aye, aye, Mis-ter
6b J. P. J
Storm- a- long.
2. 0, a good old skipper to his crew, etc. An able sailor, brave and true, etc.
 O, we'll dig his grave with a silver spade, etc. Of the finest silk his shroud will be made, etc.
4. O, he's moored at last and he's furled his sails, etc. He's free from wrecks and far from gales, etc.
5. O, Stormy's heard that bugle call, etc. So sing this dirge, now, one and all, etc.

STORMS ARE ON THE OCEAN



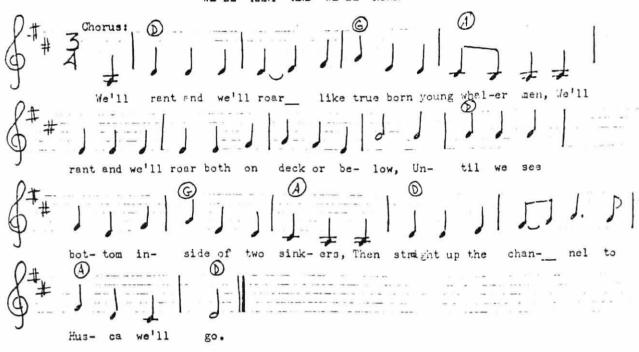


THERE IS A TAVERN IN THE TOWN town, in the town, And the in tav-ern G-) takes an- oth-er And he true love sits him down, sits him down,_ Fare thee ev-er thinks of me. nev- er, knee, girl u- pon his this part-ing grieve thee, and remust leave thee do not mem- her that the best of friends must part, must part. 2. Adieu, adieu, kind friends, adieu, yes, adieu, I can no longer stay with you, stay with you, - I'll hang my heart on a weeping willow tree, --And may the world go well with thee. Cho. 7. Go dig my grave both-wide and deep, wide and deep,
Put a tombstone at my head and feet, head and feet,
And on my breast carve a little turtle dove, And tell the world that I died for love. Cho. (repeat verse #2) ____





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Hi- lo, O, Tom- my's gone on a damn long trip, Tom's gone to
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2. He never kissed his girl goodbye, Away to Hilo, He left her and he told her why, Tom's gone to Hilo.
3. She'd robbed him blind and left him broke, He'd had enough, gave her the poke.
4. His half it went, it went like chaff, She hung around for the other half.
5. She drank and boozed his pay away, With her weather eye on his next payday.
6. Tommy's gone and left her flat, Tommy's gone and he won't come back.



- 1. I've been a sea cook and I've been a clipperman,
 I can sing, I can dence, I can wald a jib boom,
 I can handle a herpoon and cut a fine figure,
 Whenever I get in a boat's standing room. Cho.
- 2. I was in Tacehuana lest year in a whaler,

 I bought some hold brooches for the girls in the pay,

 I bought me a clay pipe, they called it a meers naum,

 Eut it melted like butter on the first sunny day. Cho.
- Just like a young kitten a-chewing fresh fish. Cho.

 Just like a young kitten a-chewing tobacco.
- 4. Here's a health to the girls of old Tacahuana,
 Here's a health to the moidens of far-off Mowill,
 And let ye be merry, don't be melancholy,
 I would marry ye all if it ever could be. Cho.

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2. I will build my love a bower, By yon clear crystal fountain, And on it I will pile All the flowers of the mountain. Will you go, lassie, go? Cho.
J. If my true love she is gone, I would surely find another To pluck wild mountain thyme All around the purple heather. Will you go, lassie, go? Cho.
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