

I heard, I heard, the old man say  
John Kanaka

I heard, I heard, the old man say,  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
Today, today is a holiday,  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
Chorus:  
Tu-lai-ay, Oh! Tu-lai-ay!  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!

2. We'll work tomorrow, but no work today,  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
We'll work tomorrow, but no work today.  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
Chorus:

3. We're bound away for 'Frisco Bay,  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
We're bound away at the break of day.  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
Chorus:

4. We're bound away around Cape Horn,  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
We wish to Christ we'd never been born!  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
Chorus:

5. O haul, oh haul, oh haul away,  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
O haul away, an' make yer pay!  
John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-ay!  
Chorus: