

Oh was you ever on the Congo River  
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Topsail halyard shanty

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Blow boys blow!  
Black Fever makes the white man shiver  
Blow me bullyboys blow!

2. A Yankee ship came down the river  
Blow boys blow!  
Her masts and yards they shone like silver  
Blow me bullyboys blow!

3. What do think she had for cargo  
Blow boys blow!  
Why black sheep that had run the embargo  
Blow me bullyboys blow!

4. And what do you think they had for dinner  
Blow boys blow!  
Why a monkeys heart and a donkeys liver  
Blow me bullyboys blow!

5. Yonder comes the Arrow packet  
Blow boys blow!  
She fires her guns cant you hear the racket  
Blow me bullyboys blow!

6. Who do you think was the skipper of her  
Blow boys blow!  
Why Bully Hayes the sailor of her  
Blow me bullyboys blow!

7. Who do think was the first mate of her  
Blow boys blow!  
Why Shanghai Brown from Hells half-acre  
Blow me bullyboys blow!

8. So blow me boys and blow forever  
Blow boys blow!  
Why blow me down the Congo River  
Blow me bullyboys blow!