

The anchor is weighed, and the sails they are set  
Away, Rio!

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Away, Rio!

The maids we are leaving we'll never forget,

Chorus:

For we're bound for the Rio Grande,

And away, Rio! Aye, Rio!

We're bound away this very day,

For we're bound for the Rio Grande!

2. So it's pack up your donkey and get under way,  
Away, Rio!

The girls we are leaving can take our half pay.

Chorus:

3. We've a jolly good ship and a jolly good crew,  
Away, Rio!

A jolly good mate and a good skipper, too.

Chorus:

4. We'll sing as we heave to the maidens we leave,  
Away, Rio!

And you who are listening, goodbye to you.

Chorus:

5. Sing good bye to Nellie and good bye to Sue  
Away, Rio!

And you who are listening, good bye to you

Chorus:

6. And good-bye, fare you well, all you ladies of town  
Away, Rio!

We've left you enough for to buy a silk gown

Chorus:

7. Now you Bowery ladies we'd have you to know  
Away, Rio!

We're bound to the south'ard, O Lord, let us go!

Chorus:

8. Heave with a will and heave long and strong,  
Away, Rio!

Sing the good chorus, for 'tis a good song.

Chorus:

9. Heave only one pawl, then 'vast heavin', belay!  
Away, Rio!

Heave steady, because we say farewell today.

Chorus:

10. We'll sell our salt cod for molasses and rum  
Away, Rio!

And get home again 'fore Thanksgiving has come

Chorus:

11. The chain's up and down, now the bosun did say,  
Away, Rio!

Heave up to the hawsepipe, the anchor's aweigh.

Chorus:

12. Our good ship's a-going out over the bar  
Away, Rio!

And we'll point her nose for the South-er-on Star

Chorus:

13. O say was you ever in Rio Grande?

Away, Rio!

O was you ever on that strand?

Chorus: