

Haul Away Joe

This is a tack and sheet, short haul shanty originating from British ships. Sheet shanties were usually no longer than three or four verses. Many more verses could be added to use it as a halyard shanty as well.

When I was just a little boy, or so me mammy told me
Away, haul away, we'll haul away Joe,
That if I did not kiss a girl me lips would grow all mouldy.
Away, haul away, we'll haul away Joe,

Chorus

*Away ho! haul away, we'll haul away together.
Away, haul away, we'll haul away Joe.
Away ho! haul away, we'll haul for better weather,
Away, haul away, we'll haul away Joe.*

King Louis was the King of France before the Revolution.
But then he got his head cut off and it spoiled his constitution.

The cook is in the galley a makin' duff so dandy
The captain's in his cabin a drinkin' rum and brandy.

Hey can't you see the black cloud arising
Hey can't you see the storm clouds a gatherin'

Now first I met a Yankee girl and she was fat and lazy,
And then I met an Irish girl, she damn near drove me crazy.