

## Bullgine Run

'Bullgine' was derisive shipboard slang for a steam engine on the quayside. Sailors didn't like them much. This is a rollicking halliard shanty. The Margaret Evans was a London packet ship one of the first to guarantee delivery of its mail packets across the Atlantic in a specified amount of time. She was 899 tons, built 1846 in New York. She continued sailing into the 1860s.

Oh, the smartest clipper that you can find  
*Ah-hey, ah-ho, are you most done?*  
Is the Marg'ret Evans of the Black Cross-line  
*Clear away the track and let the bullgine run.*

### Chorus

*To my hey rig jig in a low back car,  
Ah-hey, ah-ho are you most done?  
With Liza Lee all on my knee,  
Clear away the track and let the bullgine run.*

Oh the Mary Evans of the blue Star Line  
*Ah-hey, ah-ho, are you most done?*  
She's never a day behind her time  
*Clear away the track and let the bullgine run.*

Oh the times are hard and the wages low  
*Ah-hey, ah-ho, are you most done?*  
Oh it can't get worse, so we're bound to go  
*Clear away the track and let the bullgine run.*

Oh the winds were foul and the work was hard  
*Ah-hey, ah-ho, are you most done?*  
From the Liverpool docks to the Brooklyn yard  
*Clear away the track and let the bullgine run.*

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Oh we're outward bound for New York town  
*Ah-hey, ah-ho, are you most done?*  
Them bowry girls we'll waltz around  
*Clear away the track and let the bullgine run.*

When we get back to Liverpool town  
*Ah-hey, ah-ho, are you most done?*  
I'll stand you whiskies all around  
*Clear away the track and let the bullgine run.*