

Oh Roll

Also known as "The Saltpetre Shanty" because Callao was a mining port for bat guano which was used to make potassium nitrate (salt peter) – a constituent of gunpowder.

To old Cally-oh we are bound to go - *Oh Roll!*
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We are bound away from Liverpool Bay,
To those flash girls of Chile who'll grab all our pay

Chorus

Oh roll, rock your bars. Heave 'er away, rock her, oh roll!

Old Pedro the crimp, boys, we know him of old - *Oh Roll!*
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He's primin' his vino, he's dopin' his beer,
To the Chinchas he'll ship us if we don't steer clear

Those flash girls of Chile they sure treat us nice - *Oh Roll!*
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They'll greet us and love us and treat us to wine,
But we know they are robbing us most of the time.

And when it comes time to sail away home - *Oh Roll!*
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From some old seaport town on the west coast of hell,
We'll sing "Adios" and we'll bid you farewell.

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