

Bully in the Alley

"Bully" before its present meaning, may refer to someone who is good at something or strong. Shinbone Alley is thought to have been a street of brothels in St. George, Bermuda. So this is possibly a boast about sexual prowess. Roud 8287.

Chorus

So help me Bob, I'm bully in the alley
Way, hey, bully in the alley
Help me Bob, I'm bully in the alley
Bully down in Shinbone Al

Oh, Sally is the girl down in our alley
Way, hey, bully in the alley
Now, Sally is the gal that I spliced nearly
Bully down in Shinbone Al

Chorus

I'll leave my Sal to go a-sailin'
Way, hey, bully in the alley
I'll leave my gal and go a-whalin'
Bully down in Shinbone Al

Chorus

Well I've got some leave due, so I'll go and see my Sally
Way, hey, bully in the alley
I'll throw her a line and make fast in our alley
Bully down in Shinbone Al

Chorus

Well it's time to leave so I'm gonna slip my cable
Way, hey, bully in the alley
I'll go an' see my Sally as often as I'm able
Bully down in Shinbone Al

Chorus