

Drunken Sailor

The first published description is found in an account of an 1839 whaling voyage out of New London, Connecticut to the Pacific Ocean. It was given as an example of a song that was "performed with very good effect when there is a long line of men hauling together." Roud 322.

What shall we do with the drunken sailor
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Early in the the morning

Chorus

Hoo ray! And up she rises [x3]
Early in the morning.

Put him in the longboat till he's sober

Pull out the plug and wet him all over

Hoist him aloft on a running bowline

Put him in the scuppers with a hosepipe on him

Shave his belly with a rusty razor

Make him listen to a Kings Pond Shanty

That's what we do with the drunken sailor

{Alt:

Put him in the hold with the Captain's daughter

Have you **seen** the Captain's daughter?

Tie him to the taffrail when she's yardarm under

Give 'im a taste of the bosun's rope-end

Soak him in oil till he sprouts a flipper

Put him in the bilge and make him drink it}

<...and much worse ...>