

Farewell Shanty

*The Farewell Shanty tune and words came from *The Bunkside Book: A Yachtsman's Miscellany*, Maritime Press 1962. There is no named writer or composer in the book and the notes and acknowledgements do not give any information as to its origin. It may be that C Rutter Fletcher the author of the book wrote it but he does not claim it. Popularised by Mervyn Vincent and others on the Cornish folk circuit from 1965 so it became associated with Padstow and Cornwall. It has been sung by KPS as a funeral lament.*

<to be sung softly>

It is time to go now
Haul away your anchor
Haul away your anchor
Tis' our sailing time

Get some sail upon her
Haul away your halyards
Haul away your halyards
Tis' our sailing time

Get her on course now
Haul away your foresheets
Haul away your foresheets
Tis' our sailing time

Waves are breaking under
Haul away down channel
Haul away down channel
On the evening tide

When my time is over
Haul away for heaven
Haul away for heaven
God be at my side