

## Fire Down Below

*Pumping shanty then later adapted for capstan. Several versions of words and tunes in Hugill p379-381. It was one of the last shanties sung aboard a British square-rigger. Hugill himself was the shantyman who sang it on the four masted barque Garthpool just before it wrecked on Ponta Reef, Cape Verde Islands in October 1929. Roud 813.*

Fire in the galley fire in the house

*Fire down below*

Fire in the beef kid scorching the scouse

*Fire down be l-o-o-o-ow boys*

*Fire down below*

Fire in the cabin fire in the hold

Fire in the strong room melting the gold

Fire round the capstan fire in the masts

Fire on the main deck burning it fast

Fire in the lifeboat fire in the gig

Fire in the pig-sty roasting the pig

Fire in the store room spoilin' the food

Fire in the orlop burning the wood

Fire on the waters fire high above

Fire in the hearts of the people we love

*Fire down be l-o-o-o-ow boys*

*Fire down be l-o-o-o-ow boys*

*Fire down below †*