

## Oh Roll

*Traditional. Also known as "The Saltpetre Shanty" because Callao was a mining port for bat guano which was used to make potassium nitrate (saltpetre) – a constituent of gunpowder. Roud 4692.*

To old Cally-oh we are bound to go - *Oh Roll!*  
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We're 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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