

One More Day

Hugill (p362) says this “was sung just prior to the ship arriving at the ‘paying-off’ port. It was sung at both windlass and pumps and was more a favourite with Yankee crews than British.” Retired mariner and shanty man John Short sang this to Cecil Sharp in Watchet, Somerset, on 20 April, 1914, who published it that year in English Folk Chanteys. Roud 704.

Have you heard the news my Johnny *one more day*
We're homeward bound tomorrow Johnny *one more day*
Don't you hear the old man growlin' *one more day*
Don't you hear the mate a howlin' *one more day*

Chorus

Only one more day, my Johnny
One more day
O' rock and roll me over
One more day

Don't you hear the old man callin' *one more day*
Don't you hear the pilot bawlin' *one more day*
Only one more day a howlin' *one more day*
Can't you hear the gals a- callin' *one more day*

Chorus

Put on your long-tail blue my Johnny *one more day*
For your payday's nearly due my Johnny *one more day*
We're homeward bound today my Johnny *one more day*
We'll leave her without sorrow Johnny *one more day*

Chorus

Pack your bags today my Johnny *one more day*
And leave her where she lies my Johnny *one more day*
No more gales or heavy weather *one more day*
Only one more day together *one more day*

Chorus