

## Pay Me My Money Down

*A work song originated among Negro stevedores working in the Georgia Sea Islands. It was collected by Lydia Parrish and published in her 1942 book, *Slave Songs of the Georgia Sea*. It was performed by The Weavers during their 1955 Carnegie Hall concerts. First single released from Bruce Springsteen's 2006 big band folk album, *We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions*. This version has spicier words from other sources. Half the men to sing '(pay me)' to get an echo effect. Roud 21449.*

I thought I heard the captain say (hey)

*Pay me my money down*

Tomorrow is our sailing day

*Pay me my money down*

### Chorus

Well, Pay me (*pay me*), pay me (*pay me*). *Pay me my money down*

*Pay me or go to jai .....l. Pay me my money down*

Now as soon as that boat was clear of the bar

Well he knocked me down with the end of a spar

### Chorus

I went for a cruise around the town

I met a girl called Sally Brown

### Chorus

I put my arm around her waist

Said she young man you're in great haste

### Chorus

My price for love is half a crown

It's half a crown or I don't drop them down

### Chorus

Well I wish I was a rich man's son

I'd sit by the river and drink that rum

### Chorus