

Sally Brown

This capstan shanty is also known as Roll 'n' Go. There are several obscene verses in some versions. The shanty is probably from Jamaica where it was often sung ashore. According to Stan Hugill, the earliest reference is in a description of a passage to America in the 1830s. Roud 2628.

Sally Brown is a nice young lady

Chorus

Way hey roll'n go

And we rolled all night and we rolled all day

Spend our money on Sally Brown

Sally Brown she a bright Mulatto

Way hey roll'n go

She Swigs dark rum and she chews tobacco

Chorus

Her mother doesn't like her tarry sailor

Way hey roll'n go

She wants her to marry a one legged tailor

Chorus

Ah Sally Brown she likes to drink scrumpy

Way hey roll'n go

And she likes a bit of rumpy pumpy

Chorus

Sally Brown is a nice young lady

Way hey roll'n go

Yes Sally Brown she's a foine young lady

Chorus <no slow>

And we rolled all night and we rolled all day

Spend our money on Sallyyyy.....Brown