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## Repertoire

### Examples of songs of the sea

- Alison's Saab Story – *A car towing chantey. Every word of this song is true except that my father did not make me pay for the new tractor clutch. My trouble with cars is legendary. I could write verses enough to do whole gigs singing this song. For the record, I love Saabs and I recommend them highly, particularly if you like to hunt deer with your car.*
- All for me Grog – *Describes a sailor's relationship with rum.*
- Amazon – *The lyrics are from a poem by Rudyard Kipling about traveling to Brazil. The melody is by Peter Bellamy.*
- Amsterdam – *by Jaques Brel*
- Blow Boys Blow – *Talks about ways to recognize a Yankee ship. Turns out things haven't changed much.*
- Blow Ye Winds – *Describes a voyage on a whaling ship leaving from New Bedford, MA.*
- Can't Ye Dance the Polka – *A capstan song about catching a flash packet.*
- The Derelict – *From a 1901 Broadway musical. Inspired by quatrain in Stevenson's "Treasure Island"; "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest, drink and the devil had done for the rest. Yo, ho, ho and a bottle of rum. "Dead Man's Chest" is a Caribbean island rendezvous of buccaneers and smugglers.*
- Donkey Riding - *"Donkey" refers to a donkey engine, used for loading and unloading cargo.*
- Eight Bells – *Sung from the point of view of a sailor's wife.*
- General Taylor – *A capstan or pumping chantey about General and President Zachary Taylor.*
- Hanging Johnny – *A halyard chantey used for hanging sails.*
- Haul Away Joe – *This version is a ballad with new lyrics written from the point of view of a young woman who disguises herself as a man so she can get work as a sailor.*
- John Cherokee – *about an Indian man enslaved in Alabama. This song speaks to the diversity found in a ship's crew and has a very Caribbean melody.*
- Maid of Amsterdam (AKA A-Roving) – *Capstan and pumping chantey. Most sources give its origin as a song in Thomas Heywood's Rape of Lucrece (1640). Stan Hugill discounts this notion in his book Songs of the Sea. The melody does have a very renaissance feel.*
- Man O'War – *Describes the different jobs on board a ship.*
- Pump Shanty – *A modern chantey which tells about the chore of pumping the bilge.*
- Shenandoah – *"Shenandoah" and "Drunken Sailor" are probably the most well known chanteys.*
- Song of the Fishes – *A playful ditty that describes different kinds of fish doing sailor's work.*
- South Australia – *This version pokes fun at life on Cape Cod.*
- Tickle Cove Pond – *A song from New Foundland, Canada written by Mark Walker in the late 1800's about a man and his horse hauling wood over a frozen pond.*
- Whiskey O – *An halyard chantey and an ode to whiskey.*

### Examples of traditional folk songs:

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| 1. Buckeye Jim      | 8. Jolly Tinker                | 15. Old Blue                         |
| 2. Blue Tail Fly    | 9. Miss Bailey                 | 16. Old Maid in the Garrett          |
| 3. Cotton-eyed Joe  | 10. Molly Malone               | 17. Sourwood Mountain                |
| 4. Goober Peas      | 11. Motherless Child           | 18. Sow took the measles             |
| 5. Hesitation Blues | 12. Mr. Froggy Went a Courting | 19. Sushi (formerly Chicken) is Nice |
| 6. Hush Little Baby | 13. Mr. Rabbit                 |                                      |
| 7. Jock O'Hazeldean | 14. Old Bangam                 |                                      |