

The Saltpetre Shanty

(Outward Bound Capstan shanty)

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
Oh roll, rock your bars,
Heave 'er away, rock her, oh roll.

Ol' 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.

Chorus

Those flash girls of Chile who'll grab all our pay (Oh Roll!)
Those flash girls of Chile who'll grab all our pay (Oh Roll!)
The flash girls of Chile who'll grab all our pay (Oh Roll!)
But the flash girls of Chile who'll grab all our pay (Oh Roll!)

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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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Type: Sheet music

Título: [The Saltpetre Shanty](#)

Compositor: [desconocido Anónimo](#)

Época: Shanty

Tema: .Misceláneas

Categoría: Traditional

Dificultad: Leicht

Instrumentación Grupo: Una voz sola

Arrangement: Solo>X

Instrumentación: Canto solo>X = Registro no especificado(1)

The Saltpetre Shanty is a shanty from the time when saltpetre was transported by large sailing ships from the Port of Iquique from Chile to Europe. In the Atacama Desert, the most arid area on earth, saltpeter was mined after its fertilizing properties were recognized and there was a great demand for it in Europe. Chile at times accounted for approximately 65% of the world demand. However, demand collapsed as a result of the First World War and with the invention of artificial fertilizer, the mines and buildings deteriorated into ghost towns. Today they belong to the Chilean museums as cultural heritage of the world.