

South Australia

A composite version of this very popular sea shanty. Ideally sung unaccompanied with alternating shanty-person and crew.

Shantyman Crew

C F C F C F C

In South Aus - tra - lia I was born, Heave a - way, haul a - way

Shantyman Crew

C G7 C G7 C

In South Aus - tralia round Cape Horn, And we're bound for South Aus - tra - lia.

Shantyman and Crew

C F C F C F C

Heave a - way, you rul - er king, Heave a - way, haul a - way,

C F C G7 C

Heave a - way, you'll hear me sing, And we're bound for South Aus - tra - lia.

One morning as I took the air
'Twas there I met Miss Nancy Blair.

I looked her up and I looked her down.
I took her all around the town.

There ain't but the one thing grieves my mind,
To leave Miss Nancy Blair behind.

I see her standing on the quay,
The tears do start as she waves to me.

I'll tell you the truth and I'll tell you no lie,
If I don't love that girl I hope I die.

I wish I was in a foreign land,
With a bottle of whiskey in my hand.

Now when you're a-wallopin' around Cape Horn,
You'll wish to God you'd never been born.

Now I'll drink a glass to that foreign shore,
And one to the girl that I adore.

I thought I heard the Old Man say
"Just one more time and then belay."