Rambo Shanty

Oh, what do you do with a drunken sailor when he's drunk as drunk can be? Get your money from the crimp and send the bastard out to sea.

Chorus:

Way-hey, up he rises, way-hey up he goes! Way-hey, up he rises, high aloft now there he goes!

Now Rambo was a west coast bargeman headed down to 'Frisco Town; Looking for a fallen angel, round in quarter, bluff in bow. (CHO)

And he went around from bar and brothel, drunk and whoring through the town; Met up with a callow fellow, later known as Shanghai Brown. (CHO)

And when he awoke aboard next morning, head a throbbing, full of dread, They rammed his head in a pail of water and left him on the deck for dead. (CHO)

For the sailors had no pity on him; pity's not the sailor's way; Pity's only for the landsman, not for sailors on the sea. (CHO)

And they beat his butt with a tarry rope, and they beat his butt and they beat it well; They beat his butt with a tarry rope, just to hear him howl like the hounds of hell. (CHO)

And they sent him o'er the sea to China, four months out and three months back; He took his knocks and took his kicks, took 'em well and gave 'em back. (CHO)

And Rambo he became a sailor, French braid covered up with tar; Tars his hands to climb the rigging, and to go out on the yard. (CHO)

Then Rambo, he became a shellback, 'round the horn did sail he; Been to Callao and Valpo, hauling guano on the sea. (CHO)

And when they bring on board a newbie, drunk, oh, drunk as a Scottish lord; They wash him down with salt sea water and watch him throw up overboard. (CHO)

But Rambo has no pity on him, pity's not the sailor's way; There's no pity on the ocean, nor for sailors on the sea. (CHO)

And he beats his ass with a doubled rope, and he beats his ass and he beats it well; He beats his ass with a doubled rope, just to hear him howl like the hounds of hell!

Way-hey, up he rises, way-hey up he goes! Way-hey, up he rises, high aloft now there he goes! Way-hey, up he rises, way-hey up he goes! Way-hey, up he rises, high aloft now there he goes!