

Blow the Man Down

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As I was out walkin' down paradise street
To me way, hey, blow the man down
A pretty young damsel I chanced for to meet
Give me some time to blow the man down

She was round in the counter and bluff in the bow
So I took in all sail and cried, "Way enough now"
I hailed her in English, she answered me clear
"I'm from the Black Arrow, bound to the Shakespeare"

So I tailed her my flipper and took her in tow
And yard arm to yard arm, away we did go
But as we were a going she said unto me
"There's a spankin' full rigger just ready for sea"

That spankin' full rigger to New York was bound
She was very well mannered and very well found
But as soon as that packet was clear of the bar
The mate knocked me down with the end of a spar

As soon as that packet was out on the sea
It was devilish hard treatment of every degree
So I give you fair warning before we belay
Don't never take heed of what pretty girls say