

The Drunken Sailor

Sea shanties are traditional songs sung by sailors as they worked. The strong rhythms helped them to keep in time as they pulled ropes, scrubbed decks or loaded ships.

What shall we do with the drunken sailor?
 What shall we do with the drunken sailor?
 What shall we do with the drunken sailor,
 Early in the morning?

Chorus:

Hooray and up she rises,
 Hooray and up she rises,
 Hooray and up she rises,
 Early in the morning.

Sling him on a longboat 'til he's sober,
 Sling him on a longboat 'til he's sober,
 Sling him on a longboat 'til he's sober,
 Early in the morning.

(Chorus)

Take him, shake him and try and wake him,
 Take him, shake him and try and wake him,
 Take him, shake him and try and wake him,
 Early in the morning.

(Chorus)

What shall we do with the drunken sailor?
 What shall we do with the drunken sailor?
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(Chorus)

