Bully in the Alley

"Bully" before its present meaning, may refer to someone who is good at something or strong. Shinbone Alley is thought to have been a street of brothels in St. George, Bermuda. So this is possibly a boast about sexual prowess.

Chorus

So help me Bob, I'm bully in the alley Way, hey, bully in the alley Help me Bob, I'm bully in the alley Bully down in Shinbone Al

Oh, Sally is the girl down in our alley Way, hey, bully in the alley Now, Sally is the gal that I spliced nearly Bully down in Shinbone Al Chorus

I'll leave my Sal to go a-sailin'
Way, hey, bully in the alley
I'll leave my gal and go a-whalin'
Bully down in Shinbone Al
Chorus

Well I've got some leave due, so I'll go and see my Sally Way, hey, bully in the alley I'll throw her a line and make fast in our alley Bully down in Shinbone Al Chorus

Well it's time to leave so I'm gonna slip my cable Way, hey, bully in the alley I'll go an' see my Sally as often as I'm able Bully down in Shinbone Al Chorus