

## Pay Me My Money Down

*A work song originated among Negro stevedores working in the Georgia Sea Islands. It was collected by Lydia Parrish and published in her 1942 book, Slave Songs of the Georgia Sea. It was performed by The Weavers during their 1955 Carnegie Hall concerts. First single released from Bruce Springsteen's 2006 big band folk album, We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions. This version has spicier words from other sources. Half the men to sing '(pay me)' to get an echo effect.*

I thought I heard the captain say (hey)

*Pay me my money down*

Tomorrow is our sailing day

*Pay me my money down*

Chorus

*Pay me (pay me), pay me (pay me). Pay me my money down*

*Pay me or go to jai.....l. Pay me my money down*

Now as soon as that boat was clear of the bar

Well, he knocked me down with the end of a spar

Chorus

I went for a cruise around the town

I met a girl called Sally Brown

Chorus

I put my arm around her waist

said she young man you're in great haste

Chorus

My price for love is half a crown

it's half a crown or I don't drop them down

Chorus

Well I wish I was a rich man's son

I'd sit by the river and drink that rum

Chorus