Sally Brown

This capstan shanty is also known as Roll 'n' Go. There are several obscene verses in some versions. The shanty is probably from Jamaica where it was often sung ashore. According to Stan Hugill, the earliest reference is in a description of a passage to America in the 1830s.

Sally Brown is a fine young lady.

<u>Chorus</u>

Way hey a roll'n go,

And we rolled all night and we rolled all day,

Spend our money on Sally Brown.

Sally Brown's she a bright Mulatto Way hey a roll'n go
She Swigs dark rum and she chews tobacco Chorus

Her mother doesn't like her tarry sailor. Way hey a roll'n go
She wants her to marry a one legged tailor. Chorus

Ah Sally Brown she likes a good scrumpy Way hey a roll'n go
And she likes a bit of rumpy pumpy
Chorus

Sally Brown is a foine young lady *Way hey a roll'n go*Yes Sally Brown she's a foine young lady *Chorus*

Spend our money on Sallyyyy.....Brown