

Shallow Brown

A shanty with negro origins from the cotton ports or perhaps the west African slave ports. In the various available versions of the words there is a lot of crossover between this and "Yankee Clipper".

(Intro)

Shallow, O shallow brown

Shallow, shallow brown

(Verse & Chorus)

A Yankee ship came down the river

Shallow, oh Shallow Brown

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How do you know she's a Yankee Clipper?

By the blood and guts that flow from her scuppers

A Yankee Mate and a Limejuice Skipper

That's the style to make you shiver

My master says he's going to sell me

He says he'll sell me to that Yankee

He says he'll sell me for a dollar

For that great big Spanish dollar

Well, I truly love you Juliana

Yes, I truly love you Juliana

You know my ship, well she sails tomorrow

And my heart is filled with sorrow

I'm bound away for to leave yer

Do not let this partin' grieve yer