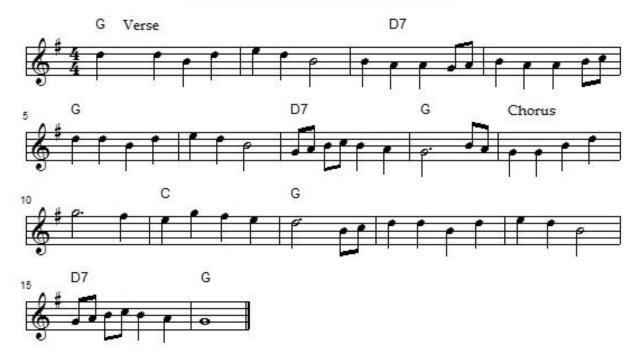
## Banks of the Sacramento



O, around Cape Horn we are bound to go
 To me Hoo-dah, to me hoo-dah
 Around Cape Horn through the sleet and snow
 To me hoo-dah, hoo-dah, day

## **Chorus:**

Blow, boys, blow, For Califor-I-O, There's planty of gold so I've been told On the banks of the Sacramento.

- 2. Oh around the Horn with a mainskys'l set, Around Cape Horn an' we're all wringin' wet.
- 3. Oh, around Cape Horn in the month o' May, Oh, around Cape Horn is a very long way.
- 4. Them Dago gals we do adore, They all drink vino an' ask for more.
- 5. Them Spanish gals ain't got no combs, They comb their locks with tunny-fish bones.
- 6. To the Sacramento we're bound away, To the Sacramento's a hell o' a way.
- 7. We're the buckos for to make 'er go, All the way to the Sacramento.
- 8. We're the bullies for to kick her through, Roll down the hill with a hullabaloo.

- 9. Starvation an' ease in a Yankee ship, We're the bullies for to make 'er rip.
- 10. Santander Jim is a mate from hell, With fists o' iron an' feet as well.
- 11. Breast yer bars an' bend yer backs, Heave an' make yer spare ribs crack.
- 12. Round the Horn an' up to the Line, We're the bullies for to make 'er shine
- 13. We'll crack it on, on a big skiyoot, Ol' Bully Jim is a bloody big brute.
- 14. Oh, a bully ship wid a bully crew,
  But the mate is a bastard through an' through.
- 15. Ninety days to 'Frisco Bay, Ninety days is damn good pay.
- 16. Oh, them wuz the days of the good ol' times, Back in the days of the Forty-nine.
- 17. Sing an' heave an' heave an' sing, Heave an' make them handspikes spring.
- 18. An' I wish to God I'd niver bin born, To go a-ramblin' round Cape Horn.

From Stan Hugill's **Shanties from the Seven Seas**. The melody is Stephen Foster's Camptown Races. Sailors taking "Forty-Niners" from the East Coast to San Francisco presumably heard this and adopted it as a chanty. It does not seem to have originally been sung to Foster's tune. The texts are diverse (Hugill, for instance, has a version in which a sailor courts a girl and winds up with a venereal disease), but most seem to be related to the California gold rush. Burl Ives selected several inoffensive verses for inclusion in **The Burl Ives Song Book**. I learned it from **The Burl Ives Song Book**.