

Round the corner, Sally

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A halyard shanty was most likely used to coordinate the crew's movement raising sails, an effort made easier by singing.

Callao, a port town, is pronounced Kay-oh in Spanish, but British sailors called it Kally-oh. This version probably dates from the mid-1800s after California became a US territory. Older versions like many shanties often featured bordellos. Adapted by Dany Rosevear.



Round the cor - ner and a - way we go, Round the cor - ner, Sal - ly!



Round the cor - ner where the wind does blow, Round the cor - ner, Sal - ly!

Round the corner and away we go,

Round the corner, Sally!

Round the corner where the wind does blow,

Round the corner, Sally!

We're leaving sunny Mexico

All around Cape Horn we'll go.



Oh Sally Brown she's the gal for me,

She's waitin' there by the mango tree,



Round the corner is a long, long way,

To Valipo and Callao Bay,

Round the corner oh, we're bound to go,

Round the corner where there's ice and snow,

There's ice and snow and sleet and rain,

You'll meet them coming back again.

Round the corner we must roam,

We don't care if we never go home.

