

Around Cape Horn

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The semibreve at the start of the song is in brackets in Carpenter's transcription.

1. Our ship was called the Cullen Wood,
A large fine ship of Dale;
We rised the Portland harbor,
Porizo for to sail.
We had to sail for Rio,
Though something far from home,
At first to sailed to Rio,
And then around Cape Horn.
2. Now when we arrived at Rio,
We lay in bay awhile;
Repairing of our rigging,
And bending our new sails;

And the other ships they cheered us
The day we sailed away;
They wished us a pleasant passage,
In the rounding of Cape Horn.

3. Now we sailed east, we sailed west,
Exposed to many a storm;
We sailed north, we sailed south,
But only to return.
We sailed north, we sailed south,
At last forced to return;
All through the troubled weather,
While we doubled old Cape Horn.

4. At last we are around the Horn,
Fine nights, and bright fine days;
And the first place that we anchored in
Was Valiporazo Bay,
Where those Spanish girls came after us,
Our ship's crew for to see.

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5. Now Valiporazo Bay
We viewed for a while
I love a little Spanish girl
That lives down in the vale