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This collection of songs was recorded on the Glee Camp at Rushall Manor Farm, October 1997. Following on from 'The Next to Come In' tape we drew together various traditions. Our intention is to re-introduce songs, which are rarely sung at camp, and to bring new songs into the FSC fold.

Please note that harmonies on sheet music are only a suggestion - feel free to experiment!

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#### country life

I like to rise when the sun she rises
Early in the morning
And I like to hear them small birds singing
Merrily upon the leyland
And hurrah! for the life of a country boy
And to ramble in the new mown hay

In the spring we sow, at the harvest mow And that is how the seasons round they go Oh but of all the times, if choose I may T'would be rambling in the new mown hay (chorus)

In winter when the sky is grey
We 'edge and we ditch our time away
But in the summer when the sun shines gay
We go rambling in the new mown hay
(chorus)

Traditional English song as sung by the Watersons



#### shawnee town

Well some rows up, but we floats down Way down the Ohio to Shawnee Town

And it's hard on the beech oar, she moves too slow Way down in Shawnee Town, on the Ohio

Well now the currents got her, and we'll take up the slack We'll float her down to Shawnee Town And we'll bushwhack her back (chorus)

The whiskey's in the jar boys, the wheat is in the sack We'll trade 'em down in Shawnee Town And we'll bring the rock salt back (chorus)

Well Eve got a wife in Louisville, and one in New Orleans But when I get to Shawnee Town Gonna see my Indian Queen (chorus)

The water's mighty warm boys, the air is cold and dank And that cursed fog it gets so thick You cannot see the bank (chorus)

Well some rows up, but we floats down Way down the Ohio to Shawnee Town (chorus)

An American river boat song from the singing of Dillon Bustin

## captain don't you know me?

Well, Captain don't you know me
Don't you know my name?
Well, Captain don't you know me
Don't you know my name?
Well the name is the same, whatever the game
And the game's got the same old name
You've the same old rascal, stole my watch and chain
And that's the name of the game

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I dreamed a dream the other night Lowlands, lowlands away my John I dreamed a dream the other night Lowlands away

I dreamed my love came standing by Lowlands, lowlands away my John Came standing close by my bedside Lowlands away

He's drowning in the Lowlands sea Lowlands, lowlands away my John And never more coming home to me Lowlands away

He's drowning in the Lowlands low Lowlands, lowlands away my John And never more shall I him know Lowlands away

He's lying in the windy lowlands Lowlands, lowlands away my John He's lying in the windy lowlands Lowlands away

An unusual ballad, as it is told from the point of view of the woman



Sea shanties were sung to keep sailors spirits up whilst doing hard and repetitive work. There was a range of shanties for different types of work, for example – halyard shanties, capstan shanties. (Halyard are the ropes used to pull up the rigging, and a capstan is a winching mechanism.) the rigging, and a capstan is a winching the verses and Boats would employ a shanty man to sing the verses and the sailors would join in the chorus. The four songs in this collection – Chicken on a Raft, Donkey Riding, South Australia and Shallow Brown are all shanties.

## chicken on a raft

Hey ho, chicken on a raft Hi ho, chicken on a raft Hey ho, chicken on a raft Hi ho, chicken on a raft

The skipper's in the ward room drinking gin Hey ho, chicken on a raft I don't mind knocking, but I ain't a going in Hey ho, chicken on a raft The jimmy's laughing like a drain Hey ho, chicken on a raft Been looking in me comic cuts again Hey ho, chicken on a raft

Oh, chicken on a raft on a monday morning
Oh what a terrible sight to see
Dabtow's for'ead, and the Dustman's aft
Sitting there picking at a chicken on a raft
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
Hi ho, chicken on a raft
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
Hi ho, chicken on a raft
Hi ho, chicken on a raft

Well they gave me the middle and the fore-noon too Hey ho, chicken on a raft
And now I'm pulling in a whaler's crew
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
There's a seagull wheeling overhead
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
Hope to be floating in a feather bed
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
(chorus)

Well an Amazon girl lives in Dumfries Hey ho, chicken on a raft
She only has her kids in twos and threes Hey ho, chicken on a raft
Her sister lived in Maryhill
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
She says she won't, but I think she will Hey ho, chicken on a raft
(chorus)

We kissed goodbye on the midnight bus Hey ho, chicken on a raft
But she didn't cry and she didn't fuss
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
Am I the one that she loves best?
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
Or am I just a cuckoo in another man's nest?
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
(chorus)

I had another girl in Donnerbie
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
And did she make a fool of me?
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
Her heart was like a purser's shower
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
From hot to cold in a quarter of an hour
Hey ho, chicken on a raft
(chorus)

There is some debate whether chicken on a raft in the above song refers to egg on toast or chicken curry. The word 'dabtow' is a term for a seaman, and 'dustman' is a stoker. They're vomiting over the front and back of the ship after a heavy weekend on the town drinking! This shanty is from Cyril Tawney

# <sub>don</sub>key riding

Where you ever in Quebec
Stowing timber on the deck?
Where there's a king with a golden crown
Riding on a donkey

Hey ho, away we go, donkey riding, donkey riding Hey ho, away we go, riding on a donkey

Where you ever off the Horn Where its always fine and warm? See the lion and the unicorn Riding on a donkey (chorus)

Where you ever in Cardiff bay Where the folks all shout hurrah! Here comes Johnny with his three months pay Riding on a donkey (chorus)

Sung as an accompaniment to loading cargo. Popular amongst timber 'droghers' in Liverpool and Canada. Originally this was a litany of derogatory verses about women in various ports around the world, but was later sanitised and sung in primary schools and FSC. Don't ask why but it has fond memories for some of us due to the jolly chorus!

#### south australia

In South Australia I was born Heave away, haul away In South Australia round Cape Horn We're bound for South Australia

Haul away you rolling kings, heave away, haul away Haul away, you'll hear me sing, we're bound for South Australia

As I walked out one morning fair Heave away, haul away T'was there I met Miss Nancy Blair We're bound for South Australia (chorus) I rolled her up, I rolled her down Heave away, haul away I rolled her round and round the town We're bound for South Australia (chorus)

There ain't but one thing grieves my mind Heave away, haul away To leave Miss Nancy Blair behind We're bound for South Australia (chorus)

And as we wallop'd her round Cape Horn Heave away, haul away You'll wish to God you'd never been born We're bound for South Australia (chorus)

And here I am in a foreign land Heave away, haul away With a bottle of whiskey in my hand, We're bound for South Australia (chorus)

Port Adelaide's a grand old town Heave away, haul away There's plenty girls to go around We're bound for South Australia (chorus)

Unusual for a shanty because the chorus contains the order to 'heave away' and then 'haul away'. This means it is a song for 'pumping' where some of the crew would be heaving on pump handles while others were hauling on bell ropes. From the days of mass emigration to South Australia in the late nineteenth century

# shallow brown

And it's goodbye Juliana Shallow, oh shallow brown And it's farewell Juliana Shallow, oh shallow brown

I am bound for to leave you Shallow, oh shallow brown Oh I am bound for to leave you Shallow, oh shallow brown

And it's get my things in order Shallow, oh shallow brown For the packet rides tomorrow Shallow, oh shallow brown

And it's shallow in the morning Shallow, oh shallow brown
Just as the day was dawning
Shallow, oh shallow brown

And it's goodbye Juliana Shallow, oh shallow brown And it's farewell Juliana Shallow, oh shallow brown

This started life as a West Indian pump shanty. In the latter days of sail it was used at halyards. The word 'shallow' either refers to a press ganger called Shallow Brown, or from the Carribean term 'Challow' meaning of mixed race



## down where the drunkards roll

See the boys out walking, the boys they look so fine Dressed up in green velvet, their silver buckles shine Soon they'll be bleary-eyed under a keg of wine Down where the drunkards roll Down where the drunkards roll

See that lover standing staring at the ground He's looking for the real thing, lies are all he found You can get the real thing it will only cost a pound Down where the drunkards roll Down where the drunkards roll

There goes a troubled woman, she dreams a troubled dream She lives out on the highway, she keeps her money clean Soon she'll be returning to the place where she's the queen Down where the drunkards roll Down where the drunkards roll

Oh, you can be a gambler, who never laid a hand You can be a sailor, never left dry land You can be Lord Jesus, all the world will understand Down where the drunkards roll Down where the drunkards roll

Written by Richard Thompson. From the album 'I want to see the Bright Lights Tonight' by Richard and Linda Thompson, 1974



#### me lady and the crocodite

She sailed away on a sunny summers day
On the back of a crocodile
'You see' said she, 'he's as tame as tame can be
I'll ride him down the Nile'
Well the croc' winked his eye as the lady waved goodbye
Wearing a happy smile
But at the end of the ride the lady was inside
And the smile was on the crocodile

### see the little engines...

Early in the morning
Down upon the station
See the little engines all in a row
Along comes a man, and he pulls a little handle
Woo, woo!
Choo, choo!
Off we go!

#### beanz means heinz

A million housewives everyday Pick up a tin of beans and say 'Beanz means Heinz' Don't be mean with the beanz mum! 'Beanz means Heinz'

Adverting jingle from the late 1960's

#### got an old mule

I got an old mule, and her name is Sal Fifteen years on the Eirie canal She's a good worker and a good old pal Fifteen miles on the Eirie canal We've hauled some barges in our day Full of lumber, coal and hay And we know every inch of the way From Albany to Buffalo

Low bridge, everybody down
Low bridge, for we're coming to a town
And you'll always know your neighbour
You'll always know your pal
If you've ever navigated on the Eirie canal

We'd better get along on our way, old gal Fifteen years on the Eirie canal 'Cos you bet your life I'd never part with Sal Fifteen miles on the Eirie canal Get up there mule, here comes a lock We'll make Rome 'bout six o'clock One more trip and back we go Right back home to Buffalo (chorus)

An American folk blues song

#### process man

A process man am I, and I'm telling you no lie I've worked and breathed among the fumes that trail across the sky There's thunder all around me, and poison in the air There's a lousy smell that smacks of hell and dust all in me hair

And it's go, boys go They'll time your every breath And every day you're in this place You're two days nearer death – but you go

I've worked amongst the spinners, breathed in the oily smoke I've shovelled up the gypsum and it nigh on makes you choke I've stood knee deep in cyanide, gone sick with a caustic burn I've been working rough, I've seen enough to make your stomach turn (chorus)

There's overtime, there's bonus, opportunities galore
All the young lads like the money, and they all come back for more
But soon you're knocking on, and looking older than you should
For ever bob earned on this job, you pay in sweat and blood
(chorus)

A Process man am I, and I'm telling you no lie I've worked and breathed among the fumes that trail across the sky There's thunder all around me, and poison in the air There's a lousy smell that smacks of hell and dust all in me hair (chorus)

A hard hitting song about the life of chemical process workers, written by Ron Angel of the Teesside Fettlers, probably written in the 1970's

## swing down chariot

Swing down chariot
Stop and, let me ride
Swing down chariot
Stop and, let me ride
Oh, rock me Lord
Rock me Lord
Calm and easy
I've got a home, on the other side

A simple and effective spiritual

## moving on song

Born in the middle of the afternoon
In a horse drawn carriage on the old A5
The big twelve wheeler shook my bed
'You can't stay here', the police man said
'You'd better be born in some place else'

Move along, get along, move along, get along, go! move! shift!

Born on the common by a building site Where the ground was rutted by the trailers wheels The local Christians said to me 'You'll lower the price of property You'd better get born in some place else' (chorus)

Born at potato picking time In an old bell tent in a tattie field The farmer said 'The work's all done It's time that you were moving on You'd better get born in some place else' (chorus)

Born at the back of a hawthorn hedge Where the black hoar frost lay on the ground No eastern kings came bearing gifts Instead the order came to shift 'You'd better be born in some place else' (chorus)

The Eastern sky was full of stars
And one shone brighter than the rest
The wise men came so stern and strict
And brought the orders to evict
'You'd better be born in some place else'
(chorus)

Wagon tent or trailer born
Last month, last year or in far off days
Born here or a thousand miles away
There's always men nearby who'll say
'You'd better be born in some place else'
(chorus)

Ewan McColl, from the version sung by Christie Moore

Let us pause in life's pleasures and count our many tears While we all sup sorrow with the poor There's a song that will linger forever in our ears Oh hard times come again no more

T is the song, the sigh of the weary Hard times, hard times, come again no more Many days you have lingered around my cabin door Oh, hard times, come again no more

There's a pale drooping maiden who's toiled her life away With worn heart whose better days are o'er Tho' her voice would be merry she's sighing all the day Oh hard times come again no more (chorus)

Though we seek mirth and beauty and music bright and gay There are frail forms fainting at the door Tho' their voices are silent, their pleading looks still say Oh hard times come again no more (chorus)

T'is a sigh that is wafted across the troubled wave T'is a wail that is heard upon the shore T'is a dirge that is murmured around the lowly grave Oh hard times come again no more (chorus)

written by Stephen C Foster

## the lightweight dirge

Our master of old has now passed away
At peace and at rest, we may all see him lay
We've one consolation now we are unmastered
Until his last breath, he was a real bastard
Every man had a good word for he
But will not repeat it in company

His life it was long which made ours seem longer When we fed him hemlock that just made him stronger When we cut off his beard and set fire to his stubble He untied our cottages and reduced them to rubble (chorus) He was fond of animals, especially of horses
So we pulled the plough, while he went to race courses
He also loved children and tried without cease
By night and by day to make their numbers increase
(chorus)

On his common land we had grazing rights
But you don't get fat eating grass every night
He gave us each year a long holiday
Which started in winter without any pay
(chorus)

Now he is gone, his life is complete We have placed a large stone at his head and his feet The stones are all prepared, indeed truth to tell It was them falling on him that sent him to hell (chorus)

A parody on various dirges - this one was written by Stan and Ted of the Kipper family. (Note that the name 'Kipper Family' is a play on the name of the traditional English folk group the Copper Family)



# the wedding song (come write me down)

Come write me down ye powers above The man that first created love For I've a diamond in my eye Where all my joys and comforts lie Where all my joys and comforts lie

I'll give you gold I'll give you pearl
If you can fancy me dear girl
Rich costly robes that you shall wear
If you can fancy me my dear
If you can fancy me my dear

It's not your gold shall me entice
To leave off pleasures to be a wife
For I don't mean or intend at all
To be at any young man's call
To be at any young man's call

Then go your way you scornful dame
Since you've proved false I'll prove the same
For I don't care but I shall find.
Some other fair maid to my mind
Some other fair maid to my mind

Oh stay young man don't be in haste You seem afraid your time will waste Let reason rule your roving mind And unto you I will prove kind And unto you I will prove kind

So to church they went that very next day
And were married by asking as I've heard say
So now that girl she is his wife
She will prove his comfort day and night
She will prove his comfort day and night

Traditional English song, as sung by Germaine Greer and the Wilson Family

## earth my body

Earth my body Water my blood Air my breath And fire my spirit

A moving chant celebrating the four elements

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This tape and song book is, as ever, an experiment in singing within FSC

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