

# GONNA SLIP MY CABLE

There are many types of sea chanteys (see p.6). This chantey is Caribbean and was probably sung as a halyard chantey, to be sung while raising the sails. Chanteys usually have simple tunes and harmonies, which makes them great for improvising harmonies in group singing. And some pretty rowdy fun. You can hear this chantey performed by The Watsons on their CD, **Blue Murder**, here on [YouTube](#).

## BULLY IN THE ALLEY

**Chorus:**

**D** **G** **D** **A**  
**So help me Bob I'm bully in the alley. Weh hey, bully in the alley.**  
**D** **G** **A** **D**  
**Help me Bob I'm bully in the alley. Bully down in Shinbone Al.**

**D** Well Sally is the girl that I love dearly. **G D A** **Weh, hey bully in the alley.**  
**D** Sally is the girl that I spliced nearly. **G A D** **Bully down in Shinbone AI.**

## Chorus

When I get to Saint Loo I'm gonna steer for my Sally. Weh, hey bully in the alley

I'll throw her a line and make fast in her alley. Bully down in Shinbone Al.

## Chorus

Gonna make damn sure nobody's tied up at the quay. Weh, hey bully in the alley.

She told me this mornin' was just for me. Bully down in Shinbone Al

### Chorus

When It's time to leave I'm gonna slip my cable. Weh, hey bully in the alley.

Gonna visit my Sal as often as I'm able. Bully down in Shinbone Al.

### Chorus

I'm gonna leave my Sal and go out a sailin'. Weh, hey, bully in the alley.

Gonna leave my gal and go out a whalin'. Bully down in Shinbone Al.

## Chorus

## Repeat Chorus