

PADDY LAY BACK

Low: 'Twas a cold and dreary morning in **September** (September)
And all of me money, it was spent (spent, spent)
Where it went to, Lord, I can't remember (remember)
So down to the shipping office I went (went, went!)

Paddy lay back (Paddy lay back!)
Take in yer slack (take in yer slack)
Take a turn around the capstan,
Heave a pawl!
About ship's stations, boys, be handy (be handy!)
We're bound for Valparaiso 'round the Horn.

High: That day there was a great demand for sailors (sailors)
For the colonies, for 'Frisco and for France (France, France)
So I shipped aboard a limey barque, the Hotspur (the Hotspur)
An' got paralytic drunk on my advance ('vance, 'vance)

Low: 'Twas on the quarterdeck where I first saw 'em (saw 'em)
Such an ugly bunch I never seen before (five, six)
For there was rogues and stiffs from every quarter (quarter)
An' it made me poor ol' heart feel sick and sore (sore, sore)

High: I wished that I was in the Jolly Sailor (ahoy)
Along with Irish Kate a-drinkin' beer (beer, beer)
An' then I thought what jolly chaps were sailors (sailors)
An' with me flipper I wiped away a tear (boo hoo)

Low: So there I was once more again at sea, boys (sea boys)
The same ol' ruddy business o'er again ('gain, 'gain)
Oh, stamp the caps'n round an' make some noise, boys (noise boys)
An' sing again this dear ol' sweet refrain ('frain, 'frain)

Valparaíso is a major city in [Chile](#) - one of the S. Pacific's most important seaports. The city played an important role in the second half of the 19th century, when it served as a major stopover for ships traveling between the [Atlantic](#) and [Pacific](#) by crossing the [Straits of Magellan](#). A magnet for European immigrants, the port mushroomed during its golden age, when it was known by sailors as "Little [San Francisco](#)" or "The Jewel of the [Pacific](#)". In 2003, the city was named 'Chile's Cultural Capital' and its historic quarter was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.