

Sugar in the Hold

1. I wish I was in Mobile Bay,
Screwing cotton all of the day.
But I'm stowing sugar in the hold below,
Below, below, below.

Hey, ho, below, below
Stowing sugar in the hold below ...
Hey, ho, below, below
Stowing sugar in the hold below.

2. The J.M. White, she's a new boat
Stem to stern she's mighty fine,
The fastest boat on the Orleans line
Stowing sugar in the hold below.

Hey, ho, below, below ...

3. The engineer blows on his trumpet,
"Tell the mate we got bad news -

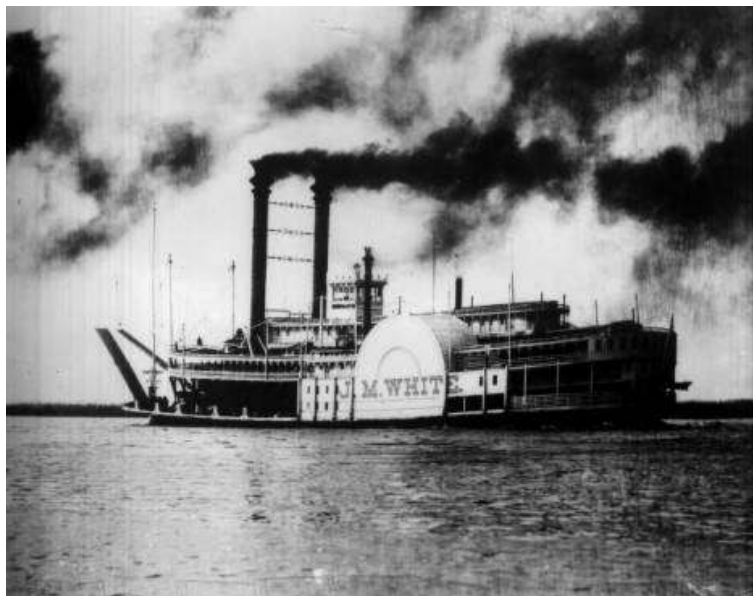
We can't raise steam for the firin' crew."
Stowing sugar in the hold below.

Hey, ho, below, below...

4. The captain's out on the quarter deck
Scratchin' away at his own neck
And he says, "Throw that stow in the
starboard deck!"
Stowing sugar in the hold below.

Hey, ho, below, below
Stowing sugar in the hold below ...
Hey, ho, below, below
Stowing sugar in the hold below.

Listen to powerful female shanty group **The She Shanties** sing their version at
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Howard, James E (photographer): **J.M. White, 1878-1886**
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Notes:

A **cargo-loading** shanty originally from the Mississippi steamships; used on the Mississippi in the 1800s.

Other names: Stowin' sugar, Sugar in the hold, Sugar in the hold below,

About the J M White and the Orleans line

The J.M. White (1878-1886) was a side-wheel packet with wood hull (312.7 x 47.9 x 11.5 feet). She was built at Howard Shipyard, Indiana, for Captain J M White (1823-1880). She was owned by Greenville & New Orleans Packet Co. [the **Orleans Line**] and operated on the lower

Mississippi River until she burned at Blue Store Landing, St Maurice Plantation, Louisiana on December 13, 1886.

The J M White was the ultimate "floating palace" and the shipyard's crowning achievement. Her large main cabin, 233 x 19 x 13 feet, was lined with rosewood and walnut burl inlaid panels and lit by seven sixteen-burner gold gilt chandeliers.
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See steamboat photographs at
steamboats.com/museum/jmwhite.html

Blows on his trumpet - shouts through his trumpet