## **U3A Shanties**

## Sally Brown

- Sally is a bright Mulatta
   Way, hey, roll and go
   She drinks rum and chews terbacca
   Spend my money on Sally Brown.
- Sally lives in old Jamaica
   Way, hey, roll and go
   Selling rum and growing terbacca
   Spend my money on Sally Brown.
- Sally lives on the Old Plantation
   Way, hey, roll and go
   She's a daughter of the Wild Goose Nation
   Spend my money on Sally Brown.
- 4. Sally's teeth are white and pearly Way, hey, roll and go
  Her eyes are dark and her hair is curly Spend my money on Sally Brown.
- 5. The sweetest flower in the valley **Way, hey, roll and go**Is my own, my pretty Sally **Spend my money on Sally Brown**.
- 6. I bought her gowns and I bought her

Way, hey, roll and go
I took her out to all the places
Spend my money on Sally Brown.

- 7. I call her my Queen of Faces

  Way, hey, roll and go

  Bought her coral beads and laces

  Spend my money on Sally Brown.
- 8. Sally Brown what is the matter? Way, hey, roll and go
  Pretty girl but I can't get at her
  Spend my money on Sally Brown.
- For seven long years I courted Sally Way, hey, roll and go
   But she always dilly dallied
   Spend my money on Sally Brown.
- 10. Sally Brown she would not marry **Way, hey, roll and go**I no longer care to tarry **Spend my money on Sally Brown**.
- 11. She would not have a tarry sailor **Way, hey, roll and go**She would not have a greasy whaler **Spend my money on Sally Brown**.

- 12. For Sally Brown I took the notion **Way, hey, roll and go**To sail across the bleedin' Ocean **Spend my money on Sally Brown**.
- 13. I shipped aboard a New Bedford Whaler **Way, hey, roll and go**When I returned she was courting a tailor **Spend my money on Sally Brown**.
- 14. Sally Brown I'm bound to leave yer **Way, hey, roll and go**Oh heave a pawl, oh pawl and heave her! **Spend my money on Sally Brown**.

**Hulton Clint** sings this at <a href="mailto:youtu.be/FVUn\_v3jIZA">youtu.be/FVUn\_v3jIZA</a>

**The Spinners** sing a shorter version, with audience participation! at <a href="youtu.be/Q6ts58a8Dfk">youtu.be/Q6ts58a8Dfk</a>

The face and neck of an africanamerican woman with curly hair, by <u>barnheartowl</u> from <u>clipart.com</u>.



## **Notes**

laces

A capstan shanty

Names: Roll 'n' go, Sally Brown

**Stan Hugill**, in *Shanties from the Seven Seas*, 1994, gives twenty-one verses and two other versions with different tunes. He says it was very popular; it had many obscene verses, which probably accounts partly for the fact that its popularity never waned.

"The West Indian seaman **Harding**, from whom I had many verses, informed me that [Sally Brown] was still used (in 1930) in Jamaica to '**roll de logs**' around Black River and other logwood ports of the West Indies and Honduras.

This shanty [appears] in one of **Captain Marryat**'s works describing a passage to America aboard a packet ship in the 1830s.

**Mulatta** is a coloured lady (definitely not white, despite what some shantymen sing)

**Hulton Clint**'s verses above are from Hugill's book.