

## Paddy Lay Back

'Twas a cold and windy morning in December

**December**

All of me money, it was spent,

**Spent, spent**

And where the hell it went, I can't remember

**Remember**

So down to the shipping office I went

**Went, went!**

**Chorus**

Paddy lay back,

**Paddy lay back!**

Take in the slack,

**Take in the slack**

**Take a turn around the capstan, Heave a paw!**

**About ship's stations, boys, be handy**

**Be handy!**

**We're bound for Valipariso 'round the Horn!**

That day there was a great demand for sailors,

**For sailors**

For the colonies, and for 'Frisco and for France.

**France! France!**

So I joined a limey barque, they call the Hotspur,

**The Hotspur**

An' got paralytic drunk on my advance.

**'Vance! 'Vance!**

**Chorus**

'Twas on the quarterdeck where I first saw 'em.

**Saw 'em!**

Such an ugly bunch I never seen before,

**'Fore! 'Fore!**

The captain had shipped a Shanghai'd crew of Dutchmen

**Of Dutchmen**

An' it made me poor ol' heart feel sick and sore.

**Sore! Sore!**

**Chorus**

I asked the mate a-which a-watch was mine-O,  
**Mine-O**

Says he, ``I'll soon see which watch is which,''  
**Which!! Which!!**

An' he blowed me down an' kicked me hard a stern-O,  
**Stern-O**

Callin' me a lousy, dirty son o' a bitch.  
**Bitch!! Bitch!!**

**Chorus**

I quickly made me mind up that I'd leave 'er,  
**Leave 'er.**

I'd leave the beggar an' git a job ashore;  
**Shore!! Shore!!**

I swum across the Bay an' went an' left 'er,  
**Left 'er.**

An' in the English Bar I found a whore.  
**Whore!! Whore!!**

**Chorus**

But Jimmy the Crimp he knew a thing or two, sir,  
**Two, sir.**

An' and quickly I was outward bound again;  
**Again! Again!**

On a Limey to the Chinchas for guanner,  
**Guanner.**

An' soon wuz I a-roarin' this refrain.  
**'Frain! 'Frain!**

**Chorus**

So here we are once again at sea, boys,  
**Sea, boys.**

The same ol' garbage all o'er again.  
**Again! Again!**

Oh, won't stamp the caps'n round an' make some noise, boys,  
**Noise, boys.**

An' join with me in singin' the ol' refrain.  
**'Frain! 'Frain!**

**Chorus**