

## Blow the Man Down

I'm a blue water sailor just back from Hong Kong

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

If you give me some whiskey I'll sing you a song

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

As I was a-walkin' down Paradise Street

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

A dashing young damsel I chanced for to meet

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

She was round in the counter and bluff in the bow

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

So I took in all sail and cried, "Way enough now."

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

I hailed her in English and I hailed her all round

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

I hauled up alongside and asked where she was bound

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

She said to me, "Sir, will you stand a treat?"

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

"Delighted," says I, "For a charmer so sweet."

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

So I tailed her my flipper and took her in tow

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

And yard-arm to yard-arm away we did go

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

It was up in her quarters she piped me aboard

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

And there on her bed I cut loose with my sword

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

Ah, but just as my cutter was forging ahead

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

She shouted, "My husband!" and jumped out of bed

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

He was seven feet tall, had a chest like a horse

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

A straight for my jawbone he plotted his course

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

He loosened my rigging, he kicked in my stays

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

I flew down the stairs like a ship on the ways

*Give us some time to blow the man down*

I chanced on a packet that happened on by

*Way, hey, blow the man down*

And when I awoke I was bound for Shanghai

Give us some time to blow the man down

So come all you young laddies that follow the sea

Way, hey, blow the man down

Don't never take heed of what pretty girls say.

Give us some time to blow the man down