# Blow The Man Down (Unknown)

**D D6 D D6**
Oh blow the man down bullies, Blow the man down,

**D D6 Em A7**
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down,

**Em A7 Em**
Oh, Blow the man down bullies, Blow him away,

**A7 D**
Give me some time to blow the man down.

As I was a-walkin' down Paradise Street,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
A pretty young damsel I chanced for to meet,
Give me some time to blow the man down.

She hailed me with her flipper, I took her in tow,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
Yard-arm to yard-arm away we did go
Give me some time to blow the man down.

She was round in the counter and bluff in the bow,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
So I took in all sail and cried "Way enough now."
Give me some time to blow the man down.

I hailed her in English, she answered me clear,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
I'm from the Black Arrow bound to the Shakespeare
Give me some time to blow the man down.

But as we were going she said unto me,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
"There's a spanking full-rigger just ready for sea."
Give me some time to blow the man down.

That spanking full-rigger to New York was bound
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
She was very well manned and very well found.
Give me some time to blow the man down.

As soon as that Packet was clear of the bar,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
The mate knocked me down with the end of a spar,
Give me some time to blow the man down.

Its yard-arm to yard-arm away you will sprawl,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
For kickin' Jack Rogers commands the Black Ball
Give me some time to blow the man down.

And as soon as that packet was out on the sea,
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
`Twas devilish hard treatment of every degree.
Give me some time to blow the man down.

So I give you fair warning before we belay;
To me way! hey! - Blow the man down!
Don't never take heed of what pretty girls say.
Give me some time to blow the man down.

Paradise Street is a street in Liverpool, England that was frequented by sailors whose ships had docked at the port. A traditional explanation of its origins is that the Black Ballers were fast packet ships of the American Black Ball Line that sailed between New York and Liverpool towards the end of the 19th century. Sailors were regularly beaten on these ships and being "blown down" was a man on the deck floor as a result. Edited from www.wikipedia.org