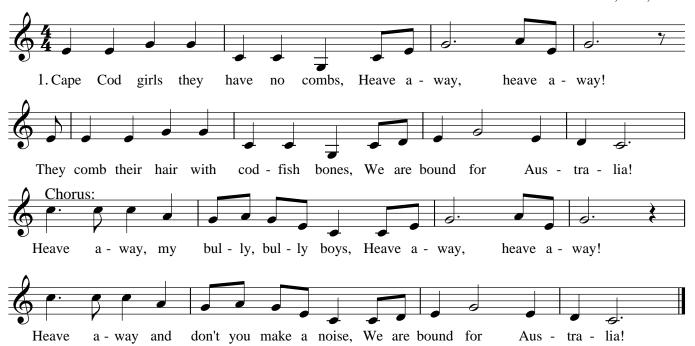
## Cape Cod Chantey

Source:

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- 2. Cape Cod boys they have no sleds, Heave away, heave away! They slide downhill on codfish heads, We are bound for Australia. (Chorus)
- 3. Cape Cod men they have no sails...
  They sail their boats with codfish tails...
- 4. Cape Cod wives they have no pins...
  They pin their gowns with codfish fins...

- 5. Cape Cod moms they bake no pies... They feed their children codfish eyes...
- 6. Cape Cod cats they have no tails...
  They lost them all in Cape Cod gales...
- 7. Cape Cod doctors got no pills...
  They give their patients codfish gills...

Verses 3-4 from Kersey, Robert E., Just Five Plus Two

Verses 5-7 and background information from Colcord, Joanna, Songs of American Sailormen

## **Background Information**

This shanty is a variant of "South Australia." According to Joanna Colcord, "The words are a rough jest at the expense of sailors who might hail from the fishing towns, and any such towns, from Cape Cod to St.John, were substituted in the words given below."