

Cape Cod Chantey

Source:

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1. Cape Cod girls they have no combs, Heave a - way, heave a - way!



They comb their hair with cod - fish bones, We are bound for Aus - tra - lia!



Chorus:
Heave a - way, my bul - ly, bul - ly boys, Heave a - way, heave a - way!



Heave a - way and don't you make a noise, We are bound for Aus - tra - lia!

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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) | 5. Cape Cod moms they bake no pies...
They feed their children codfish eyes... |
| 3. Cape Cod men they have no sails...
They sail their boats with codfish tails... | 6. Cape Cod cats they have no tails...
They lost them all in Cape Cod gales... |
| 4. Cape Cod wives they have no pins...
They pin their gowns with codfish fins... | 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."