

John Kanaka (? Call & Response)

I heard, I heard the old man say

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

Today, today is a holiday

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

[Chorus]

Tu-lai-e!, oh, tu-lai-e!

John Kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

We're bound away for Frisco Bay

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

We're bound away at the break of day

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

[Chorus]

I thought I heard the bos'n say

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

We'll work tomorrow; no work today

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

[Chorus]

It's rotten meat and weevily bread

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

In six months' time, you'll wish you were dead

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

[Chorus]

When we arrive in Mobile Bay

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

We'll tear the sheets and spend our pay

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

[Chorus]

The skipper says before we're through

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

You'll curse your mother for having you

John kanaka-naka tu-lai-e!

[Chorus] x 2