Ranting and Roaring

We'll Rant and We'll Roar Like True Newfoundlanders

Canadian Folk Song Arranged by David Marlatt

Also called *The Ryans and the Pittmans*, this popular Newfoundland folk song has been sung and danced to on the East Coast of Canada since the early 1900s. The lyrics tell of a sailor, named Bob Pittman, who wants to sail home to marry his sweetheart.

The tune is based on a traditional English shanty, *Spanish Ladies*, which describes headlands sighted on a sailor's homeward voyage through the English Channel. *Spanish Ladies* has a number of variants: New England whalers sang of *Yankee Whalermen*, while their Pacific counterparts sang of *Talcuhano Girls*. A more landlocked drover's version surfaced in Australia as *Brisbane Ladies*.

The tune is stated twice before *The party gets a little raucous*... at bar 39. This fun 4 bars should be played loudly and the clashes can really be brought out. The tune is then played by the low guys.

At 61, the tempo increases quite a bit and should feel in 1 until the dramatic few bars at 80. The piece roars to a conclusion with a bop by the tuba player.

Refrain:
We'll rant and we'll roar like true Newfoundlanders
We'll rant and we'll roar by deck and below

Until we see bottom inside the two unkers
When straight hr ugh the Coan el to Toslow well go.

My name it is Robert, they call me Bob Pittman I sail in the Ino with Skipper Tom Brown I'm bound to have Polly or Biddy or Molly As soon as I'm able to plank the cash down.

I'm a son of a sea cook, and a cook in a trader I can dance, I can sing, I can reef the mainboom I can handle a jigger, and cuts a fine figure Whenever I gets in a boat's standing room.

If the voyage is good, this fall I will do it I wants two pounds ten for a ring and the priest A couple of dollars for clean shirts and collars And a handful of coppers to make up a feast.

This folk song arrangement is part of a collection for young musicians celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary since joining Confederation.

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