

The Leaving of Liverpool¹

D G D
Farewell to you my own true love

A7
I am sailing far, far away

D G D
I am bound for Cal - i - for - ni - a,

A7 D
And I know that I'll return someday

Chorus:

A7 G D
So fare you well my own true love,

A7
And when I return, united we will be.

D (D7) G D
It's not the leaving of Liverpool that grieves me

A7 D
But my darling, when I think of thee

I've signed on a Yankee clipper ship,
Davy Crockett is her name,
And Burgess is the captain of her
And they say she is a floating shame

I have sailed with Burgess once before
And I think that I know him right well
If a man is a sailor he can get along
But if not he is surely in hell

Oh the sun shines on the harbor love,
And I wish I could remain,
For I know it will be some long time
Before I see you again

¹ Based on recordings by the Dubliners, the Clancy Brothers, the Pogues, Tommy Makem, Johnny McEvoy and others.