“John Kanaka”
Performed by Helge Arildso

I heard, I heard the old man say, hey!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay
Today, today is a holiday
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

Tou-lie-ay, oh tou-lie-ay,
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

We’ll work tomorrow but not today, hey!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay
We’ll work tomorrow but not today, ho!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

Tou-lie-ay, ohh tou-lie-ay,
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

We’re bound away for ’Frisco Bay, hey!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay
We’re bound away at the break of day, ho!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

Tou-lie-ay, ohh tou-lie-ay,
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

We’re bound away around Cape Horn
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay
We’d wish to Christ we would never been born, ho!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

Tou-lie-ay, ohh tou-lie-ay,
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

Oh haul, oh haul, oh haul away, hey!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay
Oh haul away and make your pay!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

Tou-lie-ay, ohh tou-lie-ay,
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

I thought I heard the old man say, hey!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay
It's one more pull and then belay!
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.

Tou-lie-ay, ohh tou-lie-ay,
John Kanakanaka, tou-lie-ay.