U3A Shanties

Only one more day, me Johnny, One more day, Oh rock and roll me over, One more day!

Don't you hear the Old Man growlin' Johnny?

One more day,

Don't you hear the Mate a howlin'?

One more day.

2. Don't you hear the capstan pawlin' Johnny?

One more day,

Don't you hear the pilot bawlin' Johnny?

One more day.

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- 3. Oh, heave and sight the anchor, Johnny, For we're close aboard the port, Johnny.
- 4. Put out your long-tail blue, me Johnny And your pay-day's nearly due, Johnny!
- 5. We're homeward bound tomorrow, Johnny, We'll leave her without sorrow, Johnny

6. Pack your bags today, me Johnny Oh, an' leave her where she lies, Johnny.

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This version: Portsmouth Shantymen CD Hangin' Round the Yard Fisherman's Friends (too fast!) at youtu.be/PLr-E16 GdE

Some other verses:

Only one more day a-rollin' Can't you hear the gulls a-cawin'?

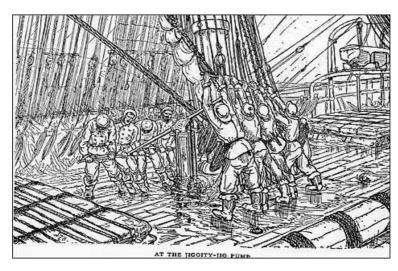
Only one more day a-furlin' Only one more day a-cursin'

Only one more day a-pumpin', Only one more day a-bracin'

Only one more day a-howlin', Can't you hear the gals a-callin'?

Only one more day a-workin', Oh, come rock 'n' roll me over.

If it was a leaky ship, pumping her out could take a long time and require a great many verses.



Hugill, Stan: At the Jiggity-Jig Pump, 1878-1886 from Shanties of the Seven Seas, 1994.

Notes:

A pumping shanty, for pump, windlass or capstan

Hugill, Stan, Shanties of the Seven Seas, 1994:

A shanty sung just prior to the ship arriving at the "paying

off" port... It was more of a favourite with Yankee crews than British.

Terry and Sharp give it as capstan; Bullen and Whall as halliards; Davis and Tozer as pumps, and Miss Colcord as windlass or capstan.

Old Man - captain