

## King Billy Sessions

A few of our choruses

### Rosabella

We're goin' on board the Rosabella  
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    We're goin' on board  
    Going right down to board  
The saucy Rosabella

### Green grow the laurels

Green grow the laurels  
    and sweet falls the dew  
Sorry was I when I parted from you  
But I hope our next meeting  
    I hope you'll prove true  
Then we'll change the green laurels  
    for the violets so blue

### Nightingales

You shall hear the fond tale  
    Of the sweet nightingale  
As she sings in the valley  
    below-o-o o-o-o o-o-o o  
As she sings in the valley below

### Waly Waly

The water is wide, I cannot get o'er  
    And neither have I wings to fly  
Bring me a boat that will carry two  
    And I will row my true love and I

### Bonny Lass of Fyvie

There's many a bonnie lass  
    in the Howe of Auchterless  
There's many a bonnie lass  
    In the Garioch-o  
There's many a bonnie Jean  
    in the toon of Aberdeen  
But the flower of them all  
    lives in Fyvie, O.

### Bold Riley

Goodbye my sweetheart,  
    goodbye my dear-o  
Bold Riley-o, Bold Riley,  
Goodbye my darling,  
    goodbye my dear-o,  
Bold Riley-o has gone away.

### Let union be

Let union be in all our hearts  
    Let all our hearts be joined as one  
We end the day as we begun  
    We'll end it all in pleasure  
Whack for the ....

### A miner's life

Union miners, stand together  
    Do not heed the owner's tale  
Keep your hand upon your wages  
    And your eye upon the scale

### Cockles and mussels

Alive alive-o, alive alive alive-o  
Crying cockles and mussels alive alive-o

### Derby Ram

And indeed me lads, 'tis true me lads  
    For I never was known to lie  
And if you'd have been in Derby  
    You'd have seen him as well as I

### Jack of all trades

Unto Wheeler, Barker, Carter, Lister,  
    Fletcher, Fisher Gates I've strayed,  
Been an arrowman, a leatherman,  
    lace I've made  
For I am a Nottingham jack of all trades

### Jug of punch

Laddledy fol-the-day  
Laddledy fol-the-day dithery-idle-dum  
Dithery-idle-dum  
    dithery-idle-doodle-deedle-dum  
Dithery-idle-dum  
    dithery-idle-doodle-deedle-dum  
Dithery-idle-doodle-deedle um dum day

### **Man of the earth**

A man of the earth, a man of the soil  
In his lonely allotment he labours and toils  
He's not much to do  
    since he turned sixty-five  
So he's took to his garden  
    to keep him alive  
It's his only joy and his pride

### **Paddy works on the railway**

I was wearing  
Corduroy breeches  
Digging ditches  
Dodging hitches  
Pulling switches  
I was working on the railway,

### **Poverty poverty knock**

Poverty, poverty knock,  
    Me loom it keeps saying all day,  
Poverty, poverty knock,  
    Gaffer's too skinny to pay,  
Poverty, poverty knock,  
    Keeping one eye on the clock,  
I know I can guttle when I hear me shuttle  
Go poverty, poverty knock.

### **Rolling home**

When we go rolling home,  
    when we go rolling home.  
Rolling home, when we go rolling home  
    When we go rolling, rolling,  
    when we go rolling home

### **Speed bonny boat**

Speed, bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing,  
    Onward! the sailors cry;  
Carry the lad that's born to be King  
    Over the sea to Skye.

### **Work of the Weavers**

If it was nae for the weavers,  
    what would we do  
We would nae hae our clothes  
    made of our wool  
We would nae hae a coat  
    neither black nor blue  
If it was nae for the work of the weavers

### **Working life out**

No matter friends whate'er befall  
The poor folk they must work or fall  
    Through frost and snow  
    through sleet and wind  
They work life out just to keep life in

### **Leaving of Liverpool**

So fare thee well, my own true love  
    When I return united we will be  
It's not the leaving of Liverpool  
    that's grieving me  
But my darling when I think of thee

### **All for me grog**

All for me grog, me jolly jolly grog  
All for me beer and tobacco  
For we've spent all our tin  
    on the lasses drinking gin  
And across the western ocean  
    we must wander

### **Bye bye my Rosie Anna**

Bye bye bye bye  
Bye bye my Rosi Anna  
Bye bye bye bye  
And I won't be home tomorrow

### **The Bonny Lass of Fyvie**

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