**The Leaving of Liverpool**[[1]](#footnote-1)

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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)