

## **Boney was a warrior**

Boney was a warrior  
*Away, a-yah!*  
A warrior and a terrier  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney fought the Russians  
*Away, a-yah!*  
The Austrians & Prussians.  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney went to Moscow  
*Away, a-yah!*  
Lost his way in the ice & snow  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney went to Elba  
*Away, a-yah!*  
Wish'd that he had never bin there.  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney went to Waterloo  
*Away, a-yah!*  
There he got his overthrow.  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney went a cruisin'  
*Away, a-yah!*  
Aboard the Billy Ruffian.  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney went to Sant Helen,  
*Away, a-yah!*  
And He never did come back again,  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney wept & Boney cried  
*Away, a-yah!*  
Boney broke his heart & died  
*Jean Francois!*

Boney was a General  
*Away, a-yah!*  
A rorty-torty General  
*Jean Francois!*

Variously described as “Long Haul” or “Halliards” (Terry 1921) and “Short Haul” (Whall 1910)  
Terry writes: “*I have never met a seaman who has not hoisted topsails to this shanty*”