

Tha Keenlee Load

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Owd on - cel Pen - ger - ric a ca - pun_ woz an a dow - sur_ shrewd woz ee.
 Ee fith - erd ez nist from tha keen - lee_ load that_ roo - und_ you an me.

Tha cap - tun woz a traap - sen_ Braan - dee Mooer weth ae - zul tweg en and, Tha
 ae - zul twes - ted an toornd a - rown an braoat un ta a stand. Aw tha
 keen - lee load tha keen - lee load ov baals tha best me booy; Oal
 On - cel Pen - ger - ric vu - ree will nawd ow ta fi - ther ez nist me booy.

Owd oncel Pengerric a capun woz an a dowsur shrewd woz ee.
 Ee fitherd ez nist from tha keenlee load that round you an me.
 Tha captun woz a traapsen Braandee Mooer weth aezul tweg en and.
 Tha aezul twested an toornd arown an braoat un ta a stand.

*Aw tha keenlee load, tha keenlee load, ov baals tha best me booy;
 Oal Oncel Pengerric vuree will nawd ow ta fither ez nist me booy.*

Oncel Pengerric soa braav ded brag ov oor en Brandee baal
 Come furk owt yer moanee me Crestyun frinds, yer fotoons tribel oll,
 Now Oncel woz reckond a preacher stowt, a burnen shynen lite.
 Tha peepul oll sayd, 'Wot ee av en ead well shoorlee turn owt rite.'

Tha compnee floated, tha sheers paed hup, tha gold caem rollen en:
 They sit hup a wem, an began fer ta senk, ta thaat keenlee load a ten;
 They ad not burrud but fyv foot sex wen they cum ta a burrud hoss;
 Sayd Oncel Pengerric 'Noa fawlt a mine. That turn ta sumwawns loss.'

Tha shaaft descended, but nee er a graen ov oor woz brawt ta grown;
 An presently Oncel Pengerric too woz not en Cornwall fown;
 But weerivur ee goa an weeriver ee spaaks ee sez 'tha road told troo,
 Et brawt me luk, but et turnd an struk at nawt but a oll oss-shoo.

Again the Dialect is brought to the fore with another mining song. The word captain appears in text as two syllables. The normal Dialect version of capn is monosyllabic so a compromise has been made with the use of <capun>. The mine captains were held in such high regard that one Cornish woman was prompted to remark, "Ee wodn naw proapur capn, ee woz en tha Navy."

Dialect substitutions: a traapsen for traversing, aw! for oh!