

BOTANY BAY

Musical score for the song "Botany Bay". The score is written on three staves. The first staff has a treble clef, a 2/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the staff with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. Chords are indicated by letters above the staff: C, G7, C, F, G7, C, F, C, G7, C.

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rum-culls as well Fare-well to the well-known Old Bailey
Where I used for to cut such a swell.

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Farewell to the well-known old Bailey,
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CHORUS:

Singing Too-ral li-ooral-li ad-dity,
Singing Too-ral li-ooral-li - ay,
Singing Too-ral li-ooral-li ad-dity,
And we're bound for Botany Bay.

2. There's the Captain as is our Commander,
There's the bo'sun and all the ship's crew,
There's the first and second-class passengers,
Knows what we poor convicts go through!
3. 'Taint leaving old England we cares about,
'Taint 'cos we mis-spells what we knows,
But becos all we light-fingered gentry
Hops around with a log on our toes.
4. These seven long years I've been serving now,
And seven long more have to stay,
All for bashing a bloke down our alley
And taking his ticker away.
5. Oh, had I the wings of a turtle-dove!
I'd soar on my pinions so high,
Slap bang to the arms of my Polly love,
And in her sweet presence I'd die.
6. Now, all my young Dookies and Duchesses,
Take warning from what I've to say,
Mind all is your own as you toucheses,
Or you'll find us in Botany Bay.



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A theatrical "convict" song from the musical "Little Jack Shepherd" 1885.

rum-cull A rich fool that can be easily bit,
or cheated by anybody
A rich fool, easily cheated