

## Leaving of Liverpool

C F C  
Fare thee well, the Prince's Landing Stage,  
Am G7  
River Mersey, fare thee well.

C F C  
I am bound for California,  
G C  
A place I know right well.

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Chorus

G7 F C  
So fare you well my own true love,  
Am Em G7  
When I return united we will be,  
C F C  
It's not the leaving of Liverpool that grieves me,  
G7 C  
But my darling when I think of thee.

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I'm off to California,  
By the way of the stormy Cape Horn,  
And I will send to you a letter, love,  
When I am homeward bound.

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Chorus

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Farewell to Lower Frederick Street,  
Anson Terrace and Park Lane;  
Farewell, it will be some long time  
Before I see you again.

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Chorus

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I've shipped on a Yankee clipper ship,  
Davy Crockett is her name;  
And Burgess is the captain of her,  
And they say she's a floating hell.

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Chorus

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It's my second trip with Burgess in the Crockett,  
And I think I know him well.  
If a man's a sailor, he can get along,  
But if not, he's sure in hell.

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Chorus

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The tug is waiting at the pierhead  
To take us down the stream.  
Our sails are loose and our anchor secure,  
So I'll bid you good-bye once more.

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Chorus

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I'm bound away to leave you,  
Good-bye, my love, good-bye.  
There ain't but one thing that grieves me;  
That's leaving you behind.

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Chorus

The lyrics to The Leaving of Liverpool tell the story of a sailor who has to leave his loved one behind while he earns his living on a sailing ship.

The lyrics are presented here in full but most singers leave out some of the verses.

The chords are presented here in the key of C Major, the key used by the Pogues in their recording of The Leaving of Liverpool.

The Dubliners play the song in A Major in their first recording of the song featuring Ronnie Drew and Bobby Lynch on vocals.

In later years when Patsy Watchorn sang with the Dubliners, they performed the song in D Major.

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