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The Leaving of Liverpool

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trd.: England - Irland - Skotland

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a green box labeled 'A' above the first measure. The second staff begins with a measure number '8' above the first measure. The third staff begins with a green box labeled 'B' above the first measure and a measure number '16' above the first measure. The fourth staff begins with a measure number '24' above the first measure. Chord symbols (D, D7, G, A, A7) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The score ends with a double bar line.

A D D⁷ G D A
Fa - re well to you my own true love I am sai - ling far, far a - way__

8 D D⁷ G D D A D
I am bound for Ca - li - for - ni - a but I know that i'll re - turn some day__

B A G D A⁷
So fare thee well my own true love and when I re - turn u - ni - ted we will be__

24 A⁷ D D⁷ G D A⁷ D
It's not the leav - ing of Liv - er - pool that gri - eves me, but my dar - ling when I think of thee__.

1 Farewell to you my own true love
I'm sailing far far away
I'm bound for California
but I know that I'll return some day
So fare thee well, my own true love
When I return united we will be
It's not the leaving of Liverpool that grieves me
But my darling when I think of thee

2 Farewell to Prince's Landing Stage
River Mersey, fare thee well
I am bound for California
A place I know right well
So fare thee well...

3 I'm bound off for California
By the way of stormy Cape Horn
And I'm bound to write you a letter, love
When I am homeward bound
So fare thee well...

4 I have signed on a Yankee sailing ship
Davy Crockett I do tell
And the captian's name it is Burgess
And they say she's a floating Hell
So fare thee well...

5 I have shipped with Burgess once before
And I think I know him well
If a man's a seaman, he can get along
If not, then he's sure in Hell
So fare thee well...

6 Farewell to lower Frederick Street
Ensign Terrace and Park Lane
For I think it will be a long, long time
Before I see you again
So fare thee well...

7 Oh the sun is on the harbor, love
And I wish I could remain
For I know it will be a long, long time
until I see you again
So fare thee well...