

Poor Old Man/The Dead Horse Shanty

*A poor old man came riding along,
And we say so, and we hope so.
A poor old man came riding along,
Oh, poor old man.*

*Say old man, your horse, he will die,
And we say so, and we hope so.
Say old man, your horse, he will die,
Oh, poor old man.*

*If he dies, I'll sell his skin,
And we say so, and we hope so.
If he dies, I'll sell his skin,
Oh, poor old man.*

*And if he lives, I'll ride him again,
And we say so, and we hope so.
If he lives, I'll ride him again,
Oh, poor old man.*

*Hoist him up to the main yardarm,
And we say so, and we hope so.
Hoist him up to the main yardarm,
Oh, poor old man.*

*Up aloft he'll do no harm,
And we say so, and we hope so.
Up aloft he'll do no harm,
Oh, poor old man.*

*Thirty days is past and gone,
And we say so, and we hope so.
Thirty days is past and gone,
Oh, poor old man.*

*No more bills we have to pay,
And we say so, and we hope so.
No more bills we have to pay,*

Oh, poor old man.

*One more drag and then belay,
And we say so, and we hope so.
One more pull and then belay,
Oh, poor old man.*

Belay!