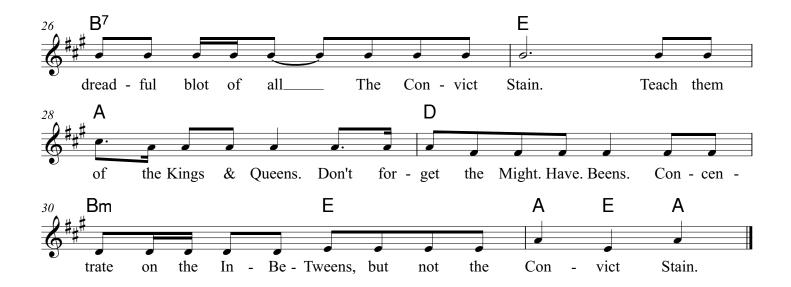


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So we did not teach our children any history,
Other than of English Kings and Queens;
Peasants who dutifully tugged their forelocks (?foreskins)
And Luddites who marauded the machines.
The Romans as they came and saw and conquered,
The Jutes and Anglo-Saxons and the Celts
Huns and Picts and Goths,
And slippery slimy Sloths,
And Boers who drank a laager\* on teh veltdts. [\*six]

But now, na-now, na-now now things are different, The time has comem for us to wield the whips, We'll have-a-go, we'll give the Poms some curry, Let's lambast them with our quaint colonial quips. We've done an Antipodean *volte-face* We feel that we're like finest English wine, Selected by the noblest English judges, Just put down to mature for a time - oh, yes we are Just put down to mature for a time.

Yes, we had to teach them all about Crusaders, Who in the name of God had slain the Wogs, Vikings who'd all sailed off to Valhalla, And the pestilence of Napoleon & the Frogs - oh, yes indeed. The pestilence of Napoleon and the Frogs.

> Uncorked, unfettered, now we're free, We'll show the world Australia, culturally, We're into stubbies, tubes and thongs, Andn esoteric songs, About chundering in the old Pacific Sea. Everyone's a putative First Fleeter, A convict background's obviously a must, Everyone's great-grandma stole an apple, A handkerchief, a shilling or a crust.

People fight to check through all the archives, Of England, Ireland, Scotland and of Wales, To learn about the various situations, That caused our ancestors to leave the rails - oh no, not that.

That caused our ancestors to leave the rails.

### **CHORUS**

So join with me in singing this refrain, Forgive old Mother England all the pain, The Union Jack still waves on high For English knighthoods we still vie, Oh, we're very Dinky-Di Despite The Convict Stain.



lives, we will send them, we'll send them as far can.

The hulks and the prisons Are full to the brim

With criminals all doing time.

Hanging's much better,

But terribly messy

And doesn't deter them from crime.

And now we have all of

These liberal thinkers

Who tell us to find a new way.

But surely the only

Commitment we have

Is to show them that crime doesn't pay.

Then we gentle good folk

Can start to enjoy

The rich life we really deserve.

For Lord only knows

It's our God-given right,

Our truly blue-blooded preserve.

So none of this nonsense

Of all being equal

And meek who'll inherit the earth.

Let's once and for all

Give the criminal class

The treatment we reckon they're worth.

# The Lord Chief Justice

Ted Egan





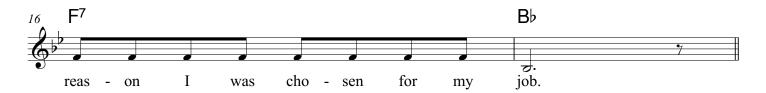




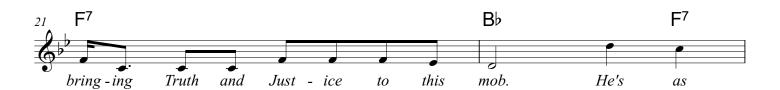




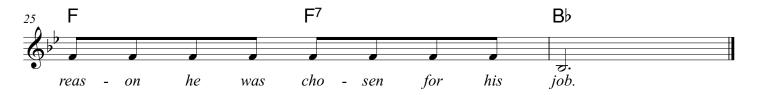










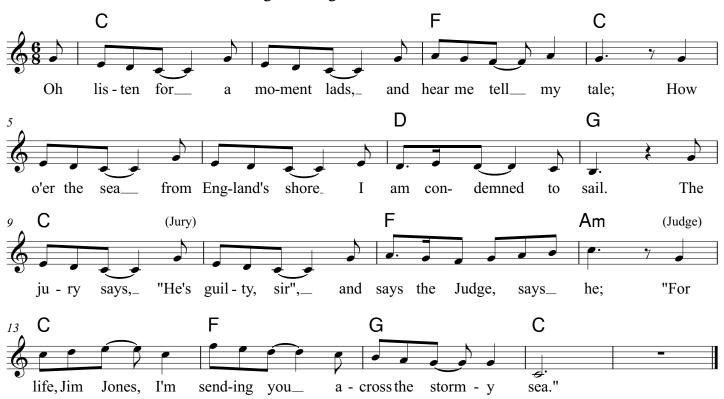


I went to school at Eton
That was ever so jolly nice
My schoolchums run the country
And they take my good advice
For the classes are ordained by God
It's only right He should
In my role as Lord Chief Justice
I work for the Common Good

Yes, I feel pity for the poor
But we'd be better off without them
Out of sight and out of mind
So I don't have to think about them
And criminals! Dear Lord
Are just a waste of space
It's my duty to remind them
They're an absolute disgrace

So, in summary my dear friends
I want you all to know
Mutatis and mutandis
I'll extract a quid pro quo
Let's keep on hunting foxes,
Shooting p(h)easants on the wing (REACTION)
Yes, I invite you, one and all
To join with me and sing

(All sing Chorus twice as Lord Trilby performs a whirling dervish dance.)



### Judge:

And take my tip, before you ship To join an iron gang.
Don't be too gay in Botany Bay, Or else you'll surely hang.

### Convicts:

'Or else you'll surely hang', says he 'And after that, Jim Jones, High upon the gallows tree The crows will pick your bones.'

### Judge:

You'll have no chance for mischief there, Remember what I say, They'll flog the poaching hide off you Down there at Botany Bay.

### Jim Jones:

But bye and bye, I'll break my chains And to the bush I'll lgo.
I'll join the bold bushrangers there Jack Donahue and Co.
And late at night when everything
Is quiet in the town,
I'll kill the tyrants one and all,
I'll shoot the bastards down.
I'll give the law a little shock;
Remember what I say,
They'll yet regret they sent Jim Jones
In chains to Botany Bay.



I'm Morag McDonald, born in The Gorbals
Raised in a brothel since I was aged ten.
But now I'm transported for life for me sins
They've handed me over to the Government Men.
I wonder how just it all is, for I must
Now submit to the evils of this cruel lot.
They'll flog us, and rape us, andn tell us we're evil,
But they are the sinners, we're not.

I'm Brigid O'Rourke, from County Cork
A prisoner for life just for stealin' a sheep,
To feed me old parents who are squealin' wit' hunger
Jesus! These times are so hard I could weep.
I'll go to the factory, out in Australia
Sold to the soldiers and guards.
By a dirty old harlot who takes all the money
And spends it on liquor and cards.

My name's Megan Rhys, I got nabbed by the police In the back streets of Cardiff for pinching a dress. I'm only eighteen, and I've been treated mean My life's been a story of unhappiness. Drummed out of my parish for having a baby Whose father was killed in the war. I was driven to vice, so tyll d'in pob saes! It's the system that made me a whore.

So lift up your skirts, girls, and show your bare bums Slap on your buttocks me whorey old chums. Let's show 'em, we know 'em, for just what they are, They're the world's greatest bastards by far.



Soloman Abraham, yes, I'm light-fingered I'm Jewish, a Cockney, a lad I pinched a bar of gold Then I got nabbed wiff it That makes me terrible sad I would have used the cash Wisely and well Made lots of poor folks feel ever so swell Now the old Beak has me marked as a failure

Off you go Solly, you're bound for Australia

Dominic Harvey's me name if you don't mind
I stole a pistol, it's true
I am from Lancashire,
Son of a clergyman
I have a firm point-of-view
I am a Union man
Sworn to be free
Free from the masters who tyrannise me
My comrades and I, we have all sworn an oath,
Our death or our glory, we'll contemplate both

I'm Martin Cosgrove, I was a Highwayman I achieved national fame
I am an Irishman
Proud of my heritage
Proud of my fine Irish name
I don't regret a thing
Turning to crime
Bailing up Englishmen, had a good time
Very enjoyable task to be sure
Robbing the rich, to give to the poor

### Court Scene - Old Baily (1785)

A group of 8-10 children stand, forlorn, in the Court of the Chief Justice. The rich and powerful, now the Jury, look on disdainfully.

The Chief Justice looks to the Jury. They all turn thumbs down, indicate 'Guilty' and the Chief Justice repeats the body movements in affirmation.

There is no dialogue. The children sing their song.



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I am from a quite large family
I, too, do not know why I'm here, in gaol
I've never been to school at all
I've been mistreated since I was small
I stole a loaf of bread
To feed my poor family, my parents were dead.
From Newgate Prison, I was dragged that day
I was sent in chains to Botany Bay.

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We are the unlucky children
We don't even know why we're here, in gaol
No-one to love us, no-one cares
God doesn't seem to answer our prayers
It all seems so unfair
All this suffering we can hardly bear
We are the children, taken away
We were sent in chains to Botany Bay.

Bo-ta-ny Bay.

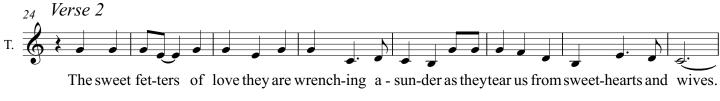
## Green Fields of England

Peter Bellamy

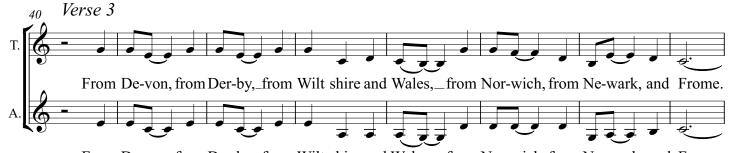




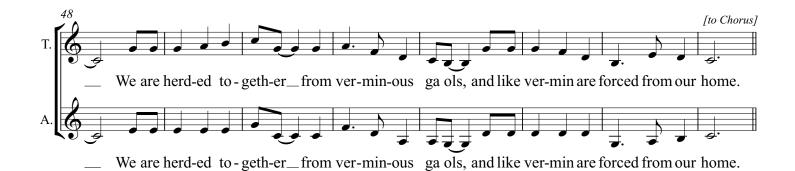








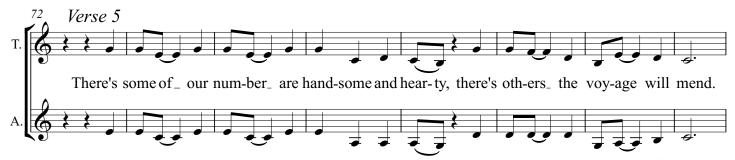
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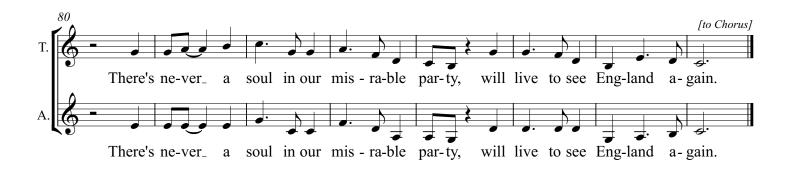


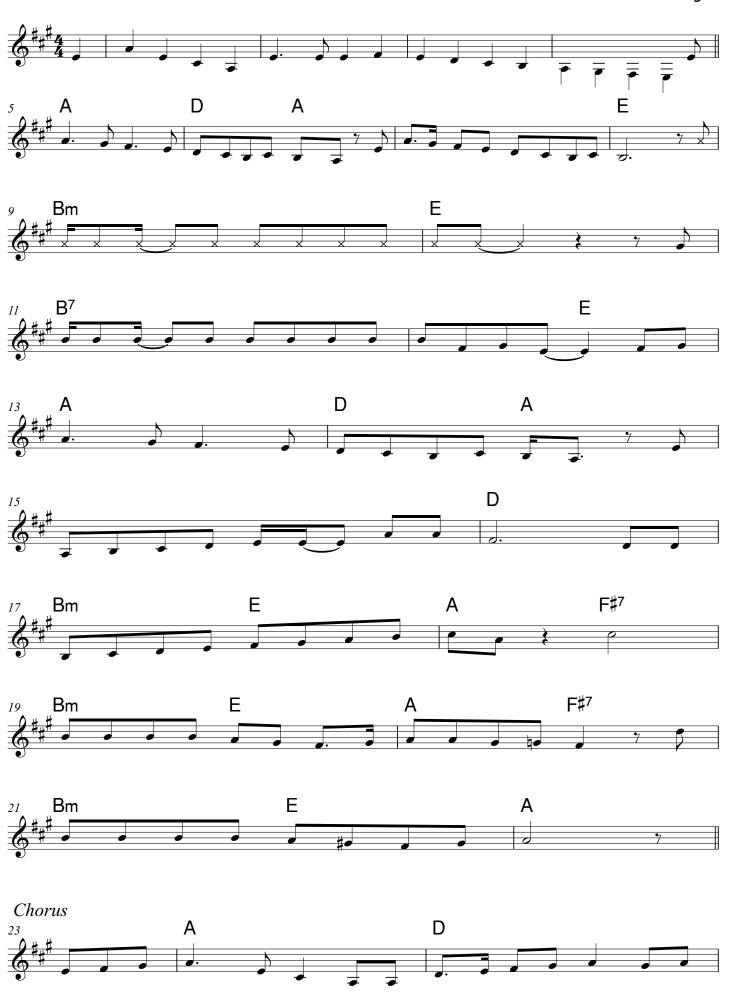


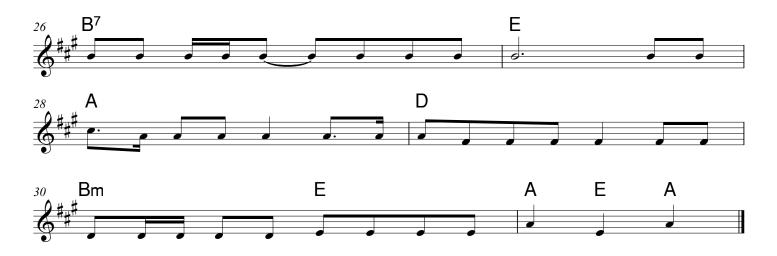
There'spoor poach-ing fel-lows took noth-ing but game And there's foot-pads took noth-ing but gold.



There's some of\_ our num-ber\_ are hand-some and hear-ty, there's oth-ers\_ the voy-age will mend.







### **FLOGGER**

I'm Flattum Cyrus Flynn, and I'm in charge here,
The Adjutant, I've been here seven years.
I'll show you around the various prison compounds
So you will understand this Vale of Tears
We've men and women convicts of all backgrounds
They're just a bunch of blackguards, dark and mean
And there's the local Indians, who hardly rate a mention
Before too long, they'll be no longer seen.

### Rev ALGERNON

I'm Garfield Algernon, Sir, I'm the Pastor Received in Holy Orders, thank The Lord Committed to the colonies, I surely don't know why Perhaps in Afterlife there's my reward? I do my best to preach The Holy Gospel My sermons mostly fall on sterile ground The convicts won't respond to finer thinking They are just the basest creatures ever found.

### **BESSIE BOOTS**

I am Elizabeth Boots, and I'm The Matron
I'm in charge of all the female lags
A thankless task, I tell you, but they know I'm the boss
My energy, it never, ever sags
Their morals are appalling, and their language
Would make a sailor blush, and that is true
It surely is a trying task we're given,
I'm always wondering what we're going to do?

### FLOGGER, ALGERNON & BESSIE BOOTS

What are we going to do with all the convicts?
The adults are completely beyond hope
They're totally and utterly past redemption
They'd be better off a dancing from a rope
In the meantime, though, a flogging's worth our effort
At least, it's language that they understand
Bring out the Cat, and let me see some backbones
It's the only way we'll civilise this land.



Us boys all know The Flogger
He's full of mortal sin.
If he gets hold of any young boys
Watch out - he's in like Flynn!
Especially watch The Flogger
If he's wearing one of his smiles
Stay away from The Flogger, me boys,
About a thousand miles.

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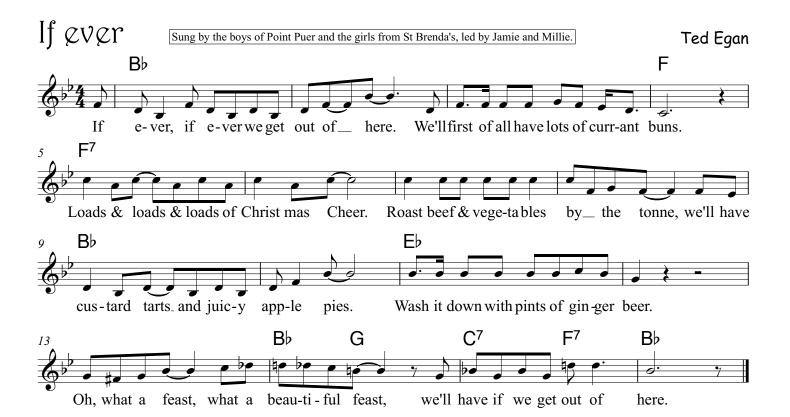
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Scrubbing and mopping, the work's never stopping Mending, and tending the goats and the sheep, Cooking, and gardening, and chopping the wood, Twelve hours work and just six hours sleep. It's prayers, scrub the stairs, What a state of affairs, Who knows when the torment will end? But one thing is sure Our young hearts are pure And our spirits will never bend.



If ever, if ever we get out of here
We'll bowl our hoops and skip around with joy
Leap frog, running, and hide-and-blooming-seek
There'll be lots of fun for every girl and boy
We'll have ponies, and kittens, and other pets
Pillows, and blankets, never fear
Oh what joy will surround our lives
All we need is to get out of here.

If ever, if ever we get out of here
We'll have shoes and stockings on our feet.
Girls: Long flowing dresses and necklaces
Boys: Trousers and jackets, looking ever so neat.
We will drive around in carriages
With footmen all dressed in proper gear
We'll be ever so lad-de-diddle blooming-dah
But first we have to get out of here.

#### CODA

And we'll all have a bath, smell very posh
Play games, read some books
And sing and dance
If ever, if ever we: GET OUT OF HERE
We'll never ever give em half a chance (to bring us back)
We'll never ever give em half a chance (to lock us up)
No we'll never ever give em half a chance
To lock us up ever again.

CHANT (A 'Dip' - cf. Children counting for games, with appropriate hand claps)

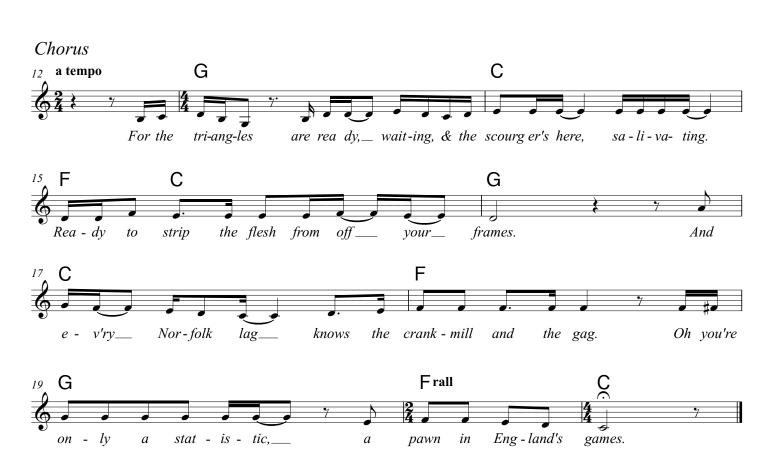
Eeny meeny macka racka
Rare eye dominacka
Chicka woppa
Lolly poppa
Om pom push
It is fair as fair can be
That we should all be O-U-T! OUT of HERE!

Sung by Flogger Flynn & soldiers.

'Ne Plus Ultra' - literally: 'No more beyond'

Flogger Flynn steps forward. He leads his soldiers in singing 'Ne Plus Ultra'. A timpani player beats out an ominous drumming in accompaniment.





You might get three hundred lashes At Norfolk we know how to flog. Then we'll cut you down and salt you, Oh we wouldn't even do that To a mad dog.

Now that you're at Norfolk Island, You might worry that you won't survive. But when I have finished flogging, You will only feel despondent That you are still alive. Dante told of Hell's Inferno, But his view of torment was remiss, For there's never been a system, No there's never been a system As barbarous as this.

### CODA

Ne plus ultra, Norfolk Island No worse, there is none here on earth!





### Think of mg

For this song the convicts - whores, scumbags (minus Michael Reidy) and the children - are on the screen but also in the flesh. Annie & Bennett Strike, Marawilga and Stanton Campbell are NOT part of this scene.

Ted Egan



Do you ever feel you're bound to this harsh land? Do you ever find that hard to understand? To know your background, learn your history, Think of me, for I was you, and you are me.

When the floggers bared my shoulders to the bone; When my screams and sobs had faded to a moan; They salted down my wounds, then let me be, It was I, and I was you, and you are me.

When you see the gracious buildings that I made, The churches where the guards and soldiers prayed, Where I was dragged to curse my misery, Think of me, for I was you, and you are me.



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Beneath the Southern Cross We'll always treasre The wisdom they bestow They still stand tall Beneath the Southern Cross We sing of freedom And the future We will face with dignity

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Beneath the Southern Cross We'll show compassion To those who are Less fortunate than we. and our