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Alternative titles, *Ruler King, South Australia*

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the shanty 'Rolling King'. The first staff is marked 'With a swing' and 'Ch.' and contains the lyrics 'South Australia is me home, Heave a-way! Heave a-way! South Australia.' The second staff is marked 'Ch.' and 'Full Chorus' and contains the lyrics 'is me home, An' we're bound for South Australia! Heave a-way! Heave a-way! Heave a-way you'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'Rolling King, An' we're bound for South Australia!'.

2. My wife is standin' on the quay,  
*Ch.* Heave away! Heave away! ( or: Heave away, Haul away! )  
The tears do start as she waves to me,  
*Ch.* An' I'm bound for South Australia [We're bound, etc.]  
*Full Chorus.* Heave away! Heave away!  
Heave away you Rolling King [Ruler King]  
[For] I'm [we're] bound for South Australia!
3. An' when I'm on a foreign shore,  
I'll think o' me darlin' that I adore.
4. There ain't but one thing grieves me mind,  
To leave my wife an' child behind.
5. There ain't but one thing grieves me  
An' that's me wife an' dear ba-bee.
6. An' as I stand on a foreign shore,  
I'll drink to the wife that I adore.
7. Now I'm on a foreign strand,  
With a glass o' pisco [samshu, sakee, vino, etc.] in me hand.
8. I'll drink a glass to my own shore,  
I'll drink to the gal that I adore.
9. I'll tell ye now, it ain't no lie,  
I'll love that gal until I die.
10. This cross ye see at the bottom of the line,  
Is only to keep ye in my mind.
11. Now we're homeward bound again,  
I'll soon be seeing Sarah Jane.
12. Oh, fare-ye-well, now fare-ye-well,  
Oh, fare-ye-well, I wish ye well.