

Rolling Down to Rio

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I've never sailed the Amazon,
[a:ɪv 'nev.ə se:ɪld ði 'æm.ə.zən]

I've never reached Brazil;
[a:ɪv 'nev.ə rɪtʃt bɹæ.'zɪl]

But the Don and Magdalena,
They can go there when they will! Ah!
Yes, weekly from Southampton
Great steamers, white and gold,
Go rolling down to Rio
(Roll down– roll down to Rio!),
And I'd like to roll to Rio
Some day before I'm old!

I've never seen a Jaguar
Nor yet an Armadill–
O dilloing in his armour,
And I s'pose I never will,
Unless I go to Rio
These wonders to behold–
Roll down– roll down to Rio–
Roll really down to Rio!
Oh, I'd love to roll to Rio
Some day before I'm old!

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