

# Haul Away

Split Enz

I was born in Te Awamutu  
25th of June 1952  
Ten pounds of boy  
Haul away, haul away, haul away  
My mother and father's pride and joy  
Richard and Mary, drink to my journey  
Haul away

I left home at the age of thirteen  
Went to boarding school on a scholarship  
Small fish, big sea  
Haul away, haul away, haul away  
No more happy childhood days for me  
Catholic condition  
Strength through exhaustion  
Haul away

At 21 I was thirsting for experience  
And my brain was about to burst  
Stare at the rug  
Haul away, haul away, haul away  
That novel approach worked like a drug  
Nothing was different, everything changed then  
Haul away

Years ago in an Auckland flat, this odyssey began  
Motivates me still, Northward I'm bound  
Haul away, haul away, haul away  
Ambition has lost me friends and time  
Young men are waiting, lapping at my heels  
Haul away

Now I'm having a nervous breakdown  
But my mates will see that I don't go down  
Love goes all wrong  
Haul away, haul away, haul away  
It's all we can do to carry on  
Everyone has their own little story  
Haul away