

## Across The Western Ocean

Key of D

### Intro

**D**  
Oh the times are hard and the wages low,  
**A D**  
Amelia, where you bound to?  
**G D G D**  
The Rocky Mountains is my home,  
**A D**  
Across the Western O---cean.

That land of promise there you'll see,  
**A D**  
Amelia, where you bound to?  
**G D G D**  
I'm bound across that Western Sea,  
**A D**  
To join the Irish Ar---my.

### Solo

To Liverpool I'll take my way,  
**A D**  
Amelia, where you bound to?  
**G D G D**  
To Liverpool, that Yankee school,  
**A D**  
Across the Western O---cean.

There's Liverpool Pat with his tarpaulin hat,  
**A D**  
Amelia, where you bound to?  
**G D G D**  
And Yankee Matt, the packet rat,  
**A D**  
Across the Western O---cean.

### Solo

Beware these packet ships, I say,  
**A D**  
Amelia, where you bound to?  
**G D G D**  
They steal your hide and soul away,  
**A D**  
Across the Western O---cean.

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Amelia, where you bound to?  
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### Solo

Slow to end

Across the Western Ocean, from the R. W. Gordon collection, dates about 1850, after the Irish potato famine; packet ships carried thousands from Liverpool across to where there was "the Irish army," the many immigrants to America. "Amelia" is said to trace to the Irish name O'Melia.