

**GLENDY BURKE**  
(Stephen Foster - 1860)

The Glendy Burke is a mighty fast boat  
With a mighty fast captain, too  
He sits up there on the hurricane roof  
And he keeps his eye on the crew.  
I can't stay here for they work too hard  
I'm bound to leave this town,  
I'll take my duds and tote 'em on my back  
When the Glendy Burke comes down.

*Ho for Lousiana,  
I'm bound to leave this town,  
I'll take my duds and tote 'em on my back  
When the Glendy Burke comes down.*

The Glendy Burke has a funny old crew  
They sing the boatman's song;  
They burn the pitch and the pine knot too  
For to shove the boat along.  
The smoke goes up, the engine roars  
The wheel goes round and round,  
So fare you well, gonna take a little ride  
When the Glendy Burke comes down.

*Ho for Lousiana,  
I'm bound to leave this town,  
I'll take my duds and tote 'em on my back  
When the Glendy Burke comes down.*

I'll work all night in the wind and storm  
I'll work all day in the rain,  
'Til I find myself on the levy-dock  
In New Orleans again.  
They make me mow in the hay-fields here  
They knock my head with the flail,  
I'll go where they work in the sugar  
and the cane  
And roll the cotton bale.

*And it's Ho for Lousiana,  
I'm bound to leave this town,  
I'll take my duds and tote 'em on my back  
When the Glendy Burke comes down.*

My lady love, she's pretty as a pink.  
I'll meet her on the way.  
I'll take her back to the sunny old south,  
And there I'll make her stay.  
So don't you fret my honey, dear  
Don't you fret Miss Brown;  
I'll take you back afore the middle  
of the week  
When the Glendy Burke comes down.

*Ho for Lousiana,  
I'm bound to leave this town,  
I'll take my duds and tote 'em on my back  
When the Glendy Burke comes down.*

**As Sung on Judy Cook's CD "Lincoln's America"**

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