

## Watering Holes

Have you had a beer in Betty's bar or an ale in Charlie Browns?  
And what about old Doris's place in steamy Kingston Town,  
Monty's down in Sydney was a seamen's Shangri-La  
And Ma Gleason's in Auckland the best sly groggin' bar  
Delmonico's in Capetown sold Brandy Snapps galore  
To Union Castle men who liked a run ashore.  
The Dog House bar in Panama was famous 'round the world  
For ice cold Cuba Libres and sweetly scented girls.  
In Danny's bar in Antwerp be careful where you grope.  
For things might not be what they seem, it might just be a bloke  
The 'Masons' and the 'Steps' were known to boys from Kay Gee 5  
And the Bootle Arms in Liverpool could really come alive.  
There's a Lone Star bar in every port down South America way  
And the Texas Bar in Santos is where sailors went to play.  
Joe Beef's bar in Montreal and the 'Jungle' up in Lieth  
Were places you'd watch your lip if you needed all your teeth.  
There's lots of ports I've never been in my wandering sailors life  
And some I wish I'd never seen where I ended up in strife.  
So if you're working on a tanker or some rusty, run down tramp  
You'll always find a watering hole where seamen swing the lamp.

by David Partridge