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### "Cyril Said It All Before"

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CYRIL SAID IT ALL BEFORE  
(Tom Lewis)

You think life in the Navy's like a prisoner doing time  
And working in a submarine's like being down a mine  
You joined this mob to go to sea then for the shore you  
pine  
I'm sure that no one's ever had a feeling just like mine  
Then you listen to the words in Grey Funnel Line  
And Cyril said it all before

Now I sailed east of Suez, went up to Malta's golden  
strand  
I marched the streets of Singapore behind a boot  
necked band  
I smoked my fellow's fags and complained about the  
brand  
Pompey Lil once said she would take me to the  
promised land  
And Cyril said it all before

I know it's true in every port we're sure to have a dame  
And chasing skirt in guz or pub is just part of the game  
Then you meet your one true love, you offer her your  
name  
But she make's a fool of you, she turns your love to  
shame  
Sally Free and Easy, yes that should be her name  
And Cyril said it all before

If things don't change they'll stay the same was on the  
dockyard wall  
But now I'm older I've found out it's not like that at all  
The more things change, the more they stay the same  
should be the call  
I still salute officers, the mighty never fall  
But you can still get hot dogs from the Oggie Man's old  
stall  
And Cyril said it all before

A lean and unwashed tippy at the age of 39

I'm nearly in the sidings now, I've almost done my time  
And Five Foot Flirt's don't come my way, or if they do I  
fail  
I never did find Sammy's Bar, it was my holy grail  
It's time for me to say goodbye to Diesel and to Shale  
But Cyril said it all before

Cyril Tawney is a prolific writer of sea songs  
I only recognize 6 of his. Can you find more?  
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