

7. The Erie Canal

The Erie Canal was built between 1817 and 1825. In the early days, the barges didn't have engines. They were towed by mules walking on a tow path along side the canal. The book by Peter Spier has a wonderfully detailed illustration of a barge being towed.

Am Dm E7
I've got a mule and her name is Sal
Am E7 Am
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal
Am Dm E7
She's a good old worker and a good old pal
Am E7 Am
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal
C G7
We've hauled some barges in our day
Am E7
Filled with lumber, coal and hay
Am Dm E7
And we know every inch of the way
Am E7 Am-G7
From Albany to Buffalo
C G7
Low bridge, everybody down
C G7 C
Low bridge, 'cause we're comin' to a town
C G7
And you'll always know your neighbor
C G7
And you'll always know your pal
C F G7 C
If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal