

We're Sailing

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(1848-?)

Alfred Beirly (1848-?) was born in Pennsylvania. Moving west, he settled in Chicago and established a music publishing business. In Chicago, he was an active leader in the business community. He published a number of hymnals and song books for use at singing schools and music conventions. His compositions include many hymns and part-songs. His cantata “Emmanuel” was well-known throughout the mid-west and his nationalistic song “Flag of America” received widespread praise.

Merrily, merrily on we float,
Naught of trouble and care we know,
Cheerily, cheerily glides our boat,
As gently the breezes blow;
Merrily, merrily on we ride,
Mirth and pleasure no ill betide,
Merrily, merrily, cheerily, cheerily on we go.

We are sailing the ocean free,
Bounding over the rolling sea,
With shout and song
We float along,
Our hearts are light as the beautiful spray;
Yes, we’re sailing the ocean free,
Bounding over the rolling sea,
Now onward we glide,
The billows we ride,
In our gallant boat we sail away.

A. Beirly

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S
Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and care we know,

A
Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and care we know,

T
Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and care we know,

B
Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and care we know,

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S
Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As gen - tly the breez - es blow; _____

A
Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As gen - tly the breez - es blow; _____

T
Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As gen - tly the breez - es blow; _____

B
Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As gen - tly the breez - es blow; _____

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S Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

A Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

T Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

B Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

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S Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on _____ we go. _____ go. 1. 2.

A Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on _____ we go. _____ go.

T Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on _____ we go. _____ go.

B Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on _____ we go. _____ go. We are

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S Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

A Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

T Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

B sail - ing the o - cean free, _____ Bound - ing ov - er the roll - ing

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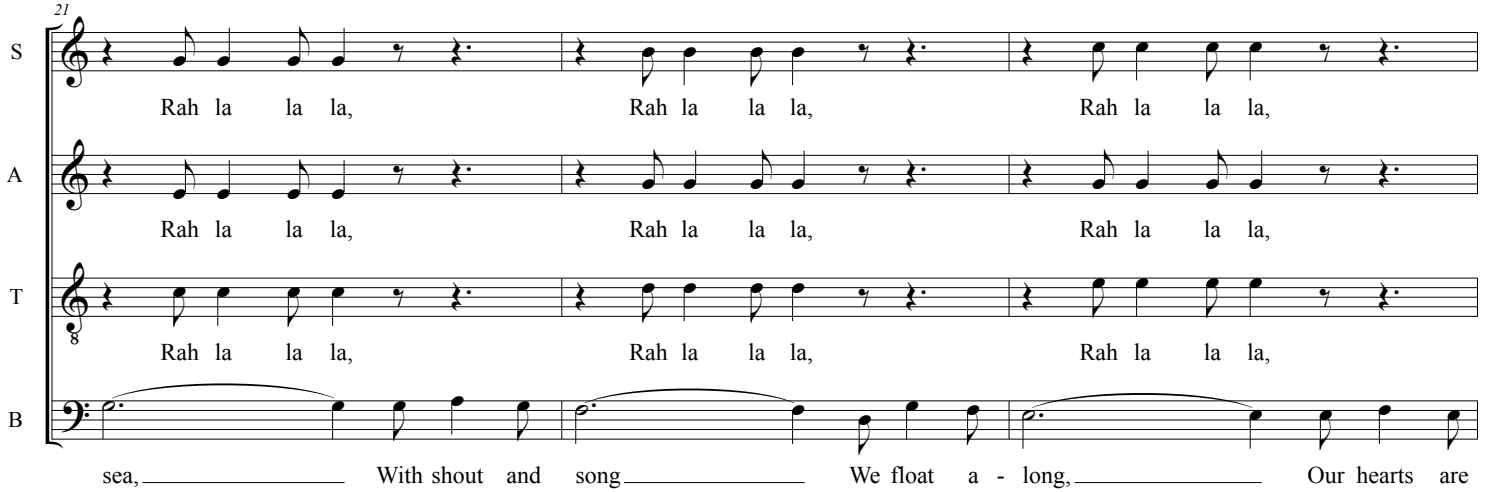
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S Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

A Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

T Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

B sea, With shout and song We float a - long, Our hearts are



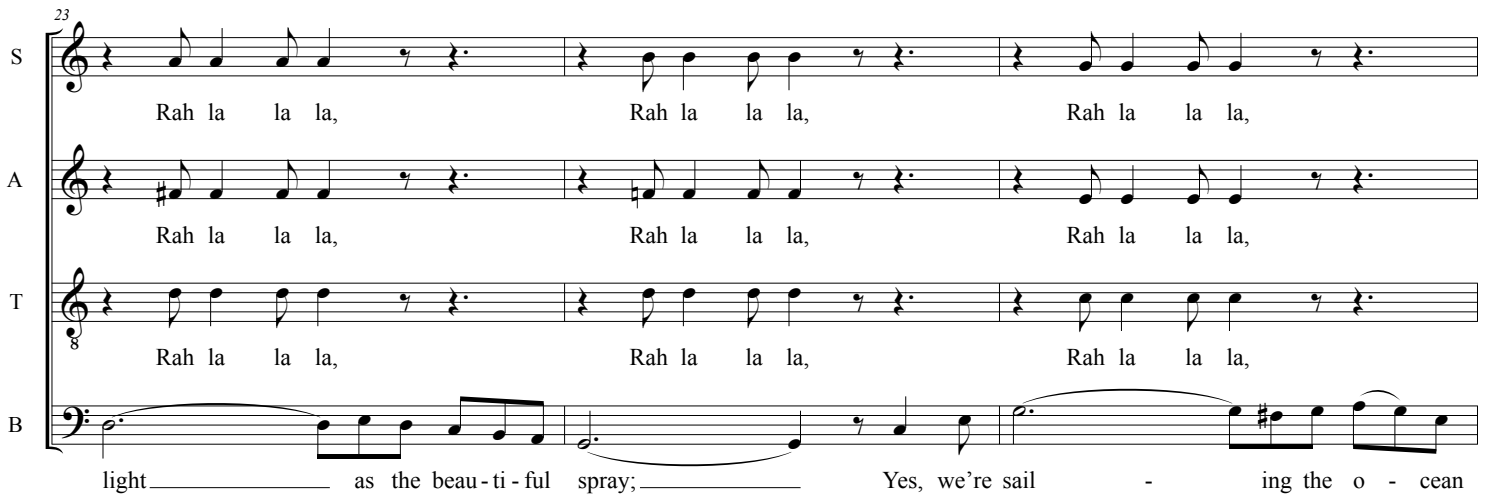
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S Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

A Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

T Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

B light as the beau - ti - ful spray; Yes, we're sail - ing the o - cean



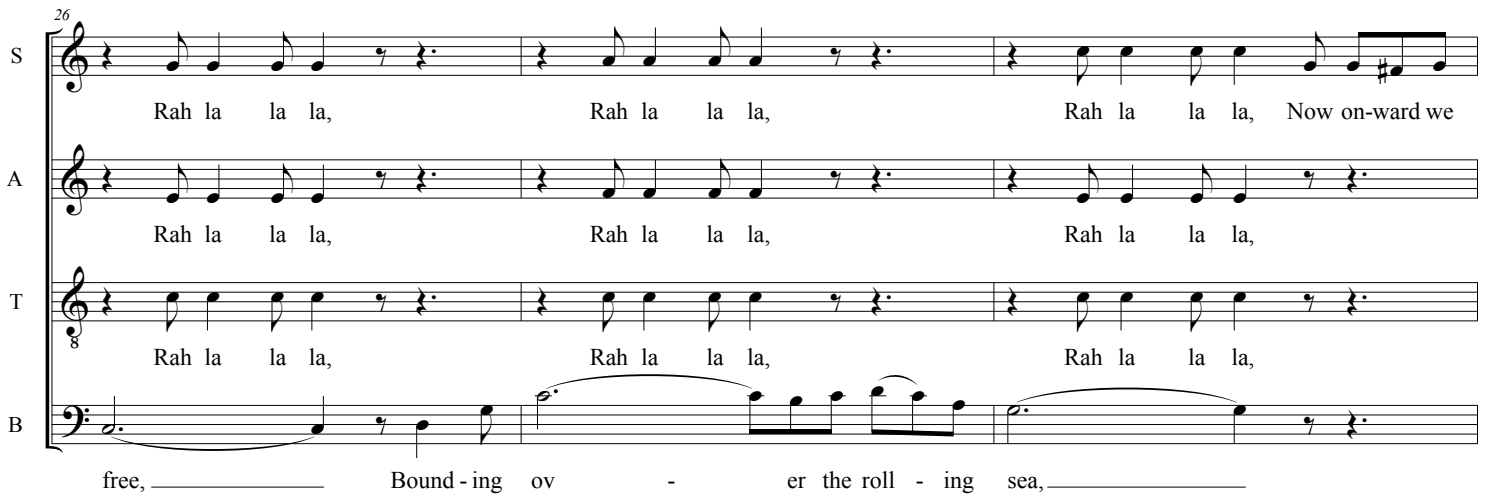
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S Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Now on-ward we

A Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

T Rah la la la, Rah la la la, Rah la la la,

B free, Bound - ing ov - er the roll - ing sea,



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S glide, _____ The bil-lows we ride, _____ In our gal-lant boat we sail a - way. _____ *rit.*

A Rah la la la la, _____ Rah la la la la, _____ In our gal-lant boat we sail a - way, we sail a - way. _____ *rit.*

T Rah la la la la, _____ Rah la la la la, _____ In our gal-lant boat we sail a - way, we sail a - way. _____ *rit.*

B Rah la la la la, _____ Rah la la la la, _____ In our gal-lant boat we sail a - way. _____ *rit.*

33 *a tempo*

S Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and

A *a tempo* Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and

T *a tempo* Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and

B *a tempo* Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we float, Naught of trou - ble and

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S care we know, Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As

A care we know, Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As

T care we know, Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As

B care we know, Cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, As

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S gen - tly the breez - es blow; Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly

A gen - tly the breez - es blow; Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly

T gen - tly the breez - es blow; Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly

B gen - tly the breez - es blow; Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly

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S on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

A on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

T on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

B on we ride, Mirth and pleas - ure no ill be - tide,

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S Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on we go.

A Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on we go.

T Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on we go.

B Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly, cheer - i - ly on we go.

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