



Boat Song

Cyrus C. Pratt
(1835-?)

Cyrus Cornelius Pratt (1835-?) was born in Johnson, Vermont. He went to Boston at age 12 to study music, was known as a vocalist with a number of Boston musical institutions. When he was 25, he moved to Springfield, Illinois. He was involved in musical business and managed a concert company called Harmonious Bards, partnering with Burr Robbins (1837-1908), a showman who later became known for his circus. The venture failed and he established musical concerts in connection with the U. S. Sanitary Commission (veteran's aid). He enlisted as Captain of Company A, 117th Illinois Volunteer Infantry but was discharged due to disability. He continued to conduct a sanitary concert troupe until the end of the war. After the war, he conducted musical conventions and institutes, moving to Kansas as agent for the King Iron Bridge & Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio. He then worked as a real estate agent, still conducting musical institutes throughout the South. He moved to Iowa City, Iowa, as agent for the Burlington Insurance Company, then back to Kansas to become secretary of the Vigilant Insurance Company. He was also secretary of the Broom Corn Alliance of Mitchell County, Kansas. He moved to Nampa, Idaho and was engaged in the mining business at the turn of the century then retired to Portland, Oregon. He died before 1920. His few known compositions were part-songs for pedagogy at his conventions and institutes.

Merrily, cheerily glides our boat,
O'er the waters so clear and so bright;
Swiftly and joyful the time goes by,
While our hearts are so happy and light.

Joyfully, playfully dip our oars,
As we row so merry along;
Rowing and keeping the time exact,
As we're singing our magical song.

Th' moon in her beauty, now sheds her light
O'er mountain, o'er valley and sea;
Twinkling stars glitter like diamonds bright,
As we trill our sweet accents of glee.

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Con spirito

S
Mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, O'er the

A
Mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, O'er the

T
Mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, O'er the

B
Mer - ri - ly, cheer - i - ly glides our boat, O'er the

S
3
wa - ters so clear and so bright; Swift - ly and joy - ful the

A
wa - ters so clear and so bright; Swift - ly and joy - ful the

T
wa - ters so clear and so bright; Swift - ly and joy - ful the

B
wa - ters so clear and so bright; Swift - ly and joy - ful the

S
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time goes by, While our hearts are so hap - py and light.

A
time goes by, While our hearts are so hap - py and light.

T
time goes by, While our hearts are so hap - py and light.

B
time goes by, While our hearts are so hap - py and light.

CHORUS

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S
La la la la, La la la la,

A
La la la la, La la la la,

T
Tra la la la la la la la la, Tra la la la la la la la la,

B
Tra la la la la la la la la, Tra la la la la la la la la,

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S
La la la la, La la la la,

A
La la la la, La la la la,

T
Tra la la la la la la la la, la la la la,

B
Tra la la la la la la la la, Tra la la la la la la la la,

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VERSE 2

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S Joy - ful - ly, play - ful - ly dip our oars, As we

A Joy - ful - ly, play - ful - ly dip our oars, As we

T Joy - ful - ly, play - ful - ly dip our oars, As we

B Joy - ful - ly, play - ful - ly dip our oars, As we

18

S row so mer - ry a - long; Row - ing and keep - ing the

A row so mer - ry a - long; Row - ing and keep - ing the

T row so mer - ry a - long; Row - ing and keep - ing the

B row so mer - ry a - long; Row - ing and keep - ing the

21

S time ex - act, As we're sing - ing our mag - i - cal song.

A time ex - act, As we're sing - ing our mag - i - cal song.

T time ex - act, As we're sing - ing our mag - i - cal song.

B time ex - act, As we're sing - ing our mag - i - cal song.

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VERSE 3

24

S Th'moon in her beau - ty, now sheds her light O'er

A Th'moon in her beau - ty, now sheds her light O'er

T Th'moon in her beau - ty, now sheds her light O'er

B Th'moon in her beau - ty, now sheds her light O'er

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S moun - tain, o'er val - ley and sea; Twink - ling stars glit - ter like

A moun - tain, o'er val - ley and sea; Twink - ling stars glit - ter like

T moun - tain, o'er val - ley and sea; Twink - ling stars glit - ter like

B moun - tain, o'er val - ley and sea; Twink - ling stars glit - ter like

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S dia - monds bright, As we trill our sweet ac - cents of glee.

A dia - monds bright, As we trill our sweet ac - cents of glee.

T dia - monds bright, As we trill our sweet ac - cents of glee.

B dia - monds bright, As we trill our sweet ac - cents of glee.

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