



Voyage Song

W. J. Robjohn
[Caryl Florio]
(1843-1920)

William James Robjohn (1843-1920) was born in Tavistock, Devon, England, and moved to New York with his family when young. He showed his talent as a youth becoming the first boy soloist at Trinity Church in New York City. He was mostly a self-taught musician and went on to sing on the stage as a touring actor. He was often known under the pseudonym Caryl Florio. During his active and diverse musical career, he was organist and choirmaster at Trinity Church, Newport; Zion Church, New York; Mount Cavalry Church, Baltimore, Maryland; and All Souls' Church, Biltmore, North Carolina. He was opera conductor in Havana and at the New York Academy of Music. He was music director at the Baptist Female Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana, and at Wells College in Aurora, New York. He was conductor of the Vocal Society, the Amicitia Orchestra, and the Palestrina Choir in New York and director of the Choral Society in Asheville, North Carolina. For many years, he was in charge of music at the Vanderbilt estate in Ashville. He died in Morganton, North Carolina. He was successful as a conductor, composer, actor, music critic, performer and accompanist. His significant compositional output includes hymns, songs, part-songs, chamber music, a piano concerto, a light opera, at least two grand operas and two symphonies.

Rocking with the passing tide,
Our boat with calm and silent pace,
Thro' the waters soft doth glide,
As we our happy voices raise.

*Sing, merry comrades, sing,
Let your voices ring;
Hearts are gay and faces bright,
And sparkling eyes are filled with light;
We all with merry heart
Bear our tuneful part.*

See the cities gliding by,
The sun is slowly passing down;
Stars besprinkle now the sky,
And lights gleam out from every town.

While our journey lasts shall we,
While oars dip steadily and slow,
Keep from strife; and joy and glee
Shall ever make the moments go.

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Traditional Air
arr. W. J. Robjohn

Moderato

S
Rock - ing with the — pass - ing tide, Our boat with calm and si - lent pace,

A
Rock - ing with the pass - ing tide, Our boat with calm and si - lent pace, —

T
Rock - ing with the — pass - ing tide, Our boat with calm and si - lent pace,

B
Rock - ing with the pass - ing tide, Our boat with calm and si - lent pace,

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S
Thro' the wa - ters — soft doth glide, As we our hap - py voi - ces raise.

A
Thro' the wa - ters soft doth glide, As we our hap - py voi - ces raise.

T
Thro' the wa - ters — soft doth glide, As we our hap - py voi - ces raise.

B
Thro' the wa - ters soft doth glide, As we our hap - py voi - ces raise.

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S
Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, — Let your voi - ces ring; —

A
Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, Let your voi - ces ring; —

T
Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, — Let your voi - ces ring;

B
Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, Let your voi - ces ring;

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S Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

A Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

T₈ Hearts are gay — and — fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are — filled with light; We

B Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

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S all with mer - ry heart ——— Bear our tune - ful part.

A all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

T₈ all with mer - ry heart ——— Bear our tune - ful part.

B all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

21

S See the cit - ies — glid - ing by, The sun is slow - ly pass - ing down;

A See the cit - ies glid - ing by, The sun is slow - ly pass - ing down; —

T₈ See the cit - ies — glid - ing by, The sun is slow - ly pass - ing down;

B See the cit - ies glid - ing by, The sun is slow - ly pass - ing down;

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S Stars be - sprin - kle — now the sky, And lights gleam out from ev - 'ry town.

A Stars be - sprin - kle now the sky, And lights gleam out from ev - 'ry town.

T Stars be - sprin - kle — now the sky, And lights gleam out from ev - 'ry town.

B Stars be - sprin - kle now the sky, And lights gleam out from ev - 'ry town.

29

S Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, ——— Let your voi - ces ring; ———

A Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, ——— Let your voi - ces ring; ———

T Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, ——— Let your voi - ces ring;

B Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, ——— Let your voi - ces ring;

33

S Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

A Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

T Hearts are gay — and — fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are — filled with light; We

B Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

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S all with mer - ry heart _____ Bear our tune - ful part.

A all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

T all with mer - ry heart _____ Bear our tune - ful part.

B all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

41

S While our jour - ney — lasts shall we, While oars dip stead - i - ly and slow,

A While our jour - ney lasts shall we, While oars dip stead - i - ly and slow, —

T While our jour - ney — lasts shall we, While oars dip stead - i - ly and slow,

B While our jour - ney lasts shall we, While oars dip stead - i - ly and slow,

45

S Keep from strife; and — joy and glee Shall ev - er make the mo - ments go.

A Keep from strife; and joy and glee Shall ev - er make the mo - ments go.

T Keep from strife; and — joy and glee Shall ev - er make the mo - ments go.

B Keep from strife; and joy and glee Shall ev - er make the mo - ments go.

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S Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, Let our voi - ces ring;

A Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, Let our voi - ces ring;

T Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, Let our voi - ces ring;

B Sing, mer - ry com - rades, sing, Let our voi - ces ring;

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S Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

A Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

T Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

B Hearts are gay and fa - ces bright, And spark - ling eyes are filled with light; We

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S all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

A all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

T all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

B all with mer - ry heart Bear our tune - ful part.

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