



Row the Boat

Lightly, Love

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(1865-1948)

James Hott Ruebush (1865-1948) was born in Singer's Glenn, Virginia. His father and grandfather were musicians and teachers. He trained at the Grand Conservatory of Music in New York and studied with many of the famous teachers of the time including Horatio R. Palmer, and F. W. Root. He taught music at Shenandoah University, Virginia, and became general manager of the institution. He held many singing schools and conventions throughout the region and was the editor of many well-known collections of songs and manuals of music instruction- many of them publications by the family firm Ruebush-Kieffer Co. He died in Dayton, Virginia.

Row the boat lightly, love, over the sea,
Twilight is falling, I'll hasten with thee,
O'er the blue waters now sparkling with foam,
Evermore, dearest, to dwell in thy home.

*Row the boat lightly, love, over the sea,
Daily and nightly I'll wander with thee,
Daily and nightly I'll wander with thee;
On its clear bosom contented we'll roam;
Evermore, dearest, to dwell in thy home,
Evermore, dearest, to dwell in thy home.*

Brave is the heart of the fisherman's bride,
Tho' the wind fretteth the wave in its pride;
What tho' the storm that encompassed the sea,
Clasping her treasure, oh, what careth she?

How the bark dashes from mountain to vale,
Tossed like a feather, the sport of the gale;
Now it is riven, together they go,
To the still depths of the caverns below.

Anon.

Row the Boat Lightly, Love

J. H. Ruebush

S
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Twi - light is fall - ing, I'll hast - en with thee,

A
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Twi - light is fall - ing, I'll hast - en with thee,

T
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Twi - light is fall - ing, I'll hast - en with thee,

B
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Twi - light is fall - ing, I'll hast - en with thee,

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S
O'er the blue wa - ters now spark - ling with foam, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

A
O'er the blue wa - ters now spark - ling with foam, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

T
O'er the blue wa - ters now spark - ling with foam, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

B
O'er the blue wa - ters now spark - ling with foam, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

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CHORUS

TREBLE SOLO

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Row the boat light - ly, O - ver the sea, Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea;

S
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea;

A
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea;

T
8
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea;

B
Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea, Row the boat light - ly, love, o - ver the sea;

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Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee; Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee;

S
Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee, Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee;

A
Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee, Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee;

T
8
Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee, Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee;

B
Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee, Dai - ly and night - ly I'll wan - der with thee;

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BASS SOLO

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On _____ its clear bos - som con - tent - ed we'll roam, _____

S On its clear bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam, On its fair bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam;

A On its clear bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam, On its fair bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam;

T On its clear bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam, On its fair bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam;

B On its clear bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam, On its fair bos - om con - tent - ed we'll roam;

Last time Fine

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Wv - er - more, dear - est, to dwell _____ in thy home. _____

S Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

A Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

T Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

B Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home, Ev - er - more, dear - est, to dwell in thy home.

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VERSE 2

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S Brave is the heart of the fish - er - man's bride, Tho' the wind fret - teth the wave in its pride;

A Brave is the heart of the fish - er - man's bride, Tho' the wind fret - teth the wave in its pride;

T Brave is the heart of the fish - er - man's bride, Tho' the wind fret - teth the wave in its pride;

B Brave is the heart of the fish - er - man's bride, Tho' the wind fret - teth the wave in its pride;

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S What tho' the storm that en - com-passed the sea, Clasp - ing her treas - ure, oh, what car - eth she?

A What tho' the storm that en - com-passed the sea, Clasp - ing her treas - ure, oh, what car - eth she?

T What tho' the storm that en - com-passed the sea, Clasp - ing her treas - ure, oh, what car - eth she?

B What tho' the storm that en - com-passed the sea, Clasp - ing her treas - ure, oh, what car - eth she?

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VERSE 3

33

S How the bark dash - es from moun-tain to vale, Toss'd like a feath - er, the sport of the gale;

A How the bark dash - es from moun-tain to vale, Toss'd like a feath - er, the sport of the gale;

T How the bark dash - es from moun-tain to vale, Toss'd like a feath - er, the sport of the gale;

B How the bark dash - es from moun-tain to vale, Toss'd like a feath - er, the sport of the gale;

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S Now it is riv - en, to - geth - er they go, To the still depths of the cav - erns be - low.

A Now it is riv - en, to - geth - er they go, To the still depths of the cav - erns be - low.

T Now it is riv - en, to - geth - er they go, To the still depths of the cav - erns be - low.

B Now it is riv - en, to - geth - er they go, To the still depths of the cav - erns be - low.

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