

Dragon Boat Festival

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*It's summer and time for dragon boat racing. And time to move to a steady beat.
The Chinese Dragon Boat Festival varies every year, generally falling in June and in a very few years in late May. The Dragon Boat holiday is three days long.
Dragon boat races are now popular all over the world especially where there are ethnic Chinese communities. Words and music by Dany Rosevear.*

The musical score is written in treble clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a double bar line. Chord symbols D, G, and A7 are placed above the notes. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics and includes a repeat sign. Chord symbols D, G, D, G, and D are placed above the notes. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots. Chord symbols D, A7, and D are placed above the notes.

Beat the drum, the day has come For the Dra - gon Boat fes - ti -
Ev - 'ry year there's fun and cheer, At
val. _____ Pull the oars, pull smooth and strong, Pull the oars, we speed a -
Friends and fam - 'ly smile and greet, Sweet rice dum - plings we shall
long; It's the Dra - gon Boat fes - ti - val. _____



Beat the drum, the day has come }x2
For the Dragon Boat Festival.
Pull the oars, pull smooth and strong,
Pull the oars, we speed along;
It's the Dragon Boat Festival.

Ev'ry year there's fun and cheer }x2
At the Dragon Boat Festival.
Friends and fam'ly smile and greet
Sweet rice dumplings we shall eat;
It's the Dragon Boat Festival.