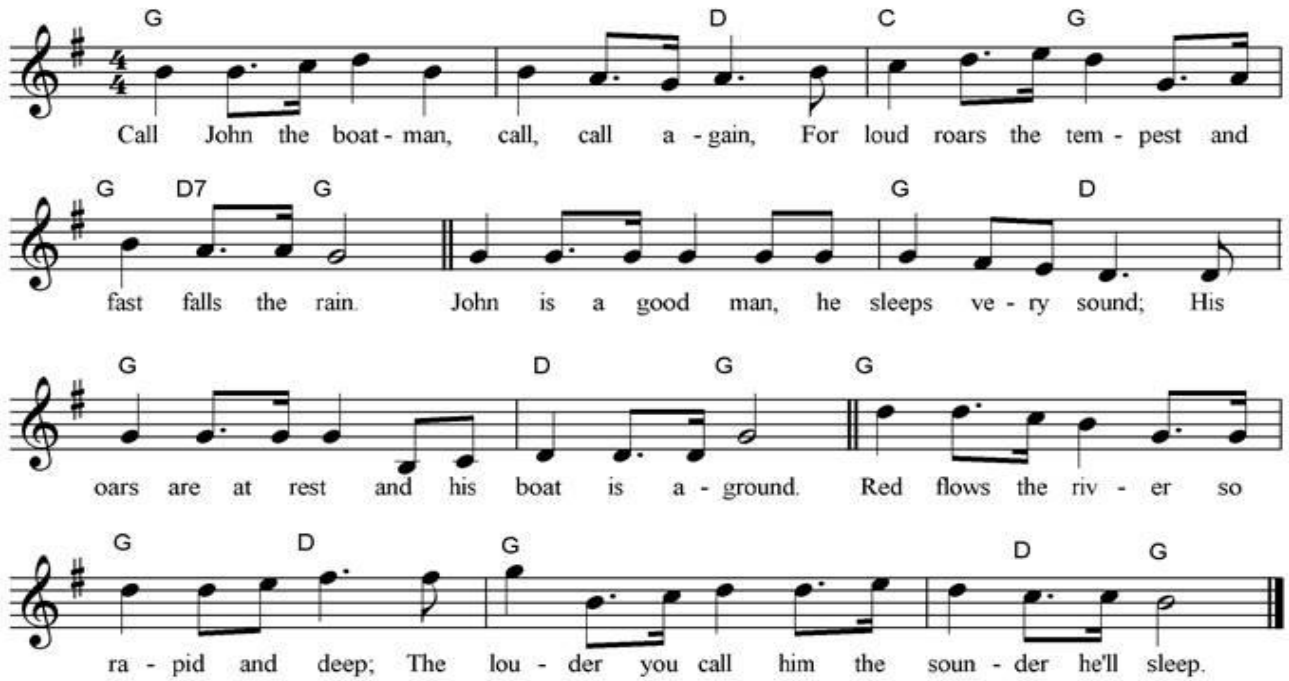


Call John the boatman

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This three part round is probably 300 years old. It can be found in a collection of Captain Patrick Tayleur of New York who says this was heard aboard British ships and sung by sailors in the foc's'le. I found it in 'The Revels' book of Chanteys and sea songs' selected and compiled by John Langstaff in 2006.



Call John the boat-man, call, call a-gain, For loud roars the tem-pest and
fast falls the rain. John is a good man, he sleeps ve-ry sound; His
oars are at rest and his boat is a-ground. Red flows the riv-er so
ra-pid and deep; The lou-der you call him the soun-der he'll sleep.



Call John the boatman, call, call again,
For loud roars the tempest and fast falls the rain.

John is a good man, he sleeps very sound;
His oars are at rest and his boat is aground.

Red flows the river so rapid and deep;
The louder you call him the sounder he'll sleep.