



Bonny boat

William H. Pontius
(1857-1937)

William H. Pontius (1857-1937) was born in Circleville, Ohio, and graduated from the Ohio Normal University of Ada (later Ohio Northern). He became a voice teacher and choir director; and was music superintendent for schools of Mansfield, Ohio. In Mansfield, he helped organize the Philharmonic Society, the Gounod Club, and other music organizations. He moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where he set up his own music business, teaching voice and directing choirs. He later moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was Director of the Department of Music at the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory, and Dramatic Art. He also served as one of the directors of the Prosser Foundation and Home for Musicians in Philadelphia. He died in Minneapolis. His compositions include church music, piano pieces, songs, and part songs.

Oh, swiftly glides the bonny boat,
Just parted from the shore;
And to the fisher's chorus note,
Soft moves the dipping oar:
These toils are borne with happy cheer,
And ever may they speed;
That feeble age and helpmate dear,
And tender fairies feed.

*Oh, swiftly glides the bonny boat,
Just parted from the shore;
And to the fisher's chorus note,
Soft moves the dipping oar.*

We cast our lines into the bay,
Out nets are floating wide;
Our bonny boat, with yielding way,
Rocks lightly on the tide:
And happy from our daily lot,
Upon the summer sun,
And blest on land our kindly cot,
Where all our treasures be.

Bonny boat

W. H. Pontius

S Oh, swift - ly glides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; — And

A La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

S⁵ to — the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar: La,

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la; La,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la; La,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la; These



Bonny boat

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la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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toils — are borne with hap - py cheer, And ev - er may they speed; — That

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la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

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la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

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la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

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fee - ble age and help - mate dear, And ten - der fair - ies feed.

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Oh, swift - ly glides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; — And

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Oh, swift - ly glides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; — And

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Oh, swift - ly glides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; — And

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Oh, swift - ly glides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; — And

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S to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

A to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

T to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

B to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

S We cast our lines in - to the bay, Out nets are float - ing wide; Our

A La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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S bon - ny boat, with yield - ing way, Rocks light - ly on the tide: La,

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la; La,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la; La,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la; And

Bonny boat

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S
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

A
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B
hap - py from our dai - ly lot, Up - on the sum - mer sun, And

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S
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

A
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

T
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

B
blest on land our kind - ly cot, Where all our treas - ures be.

S
Oh, swift - lyglides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; And

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Oh, swift - lyglides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; And

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Oh, swift - lyglides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; And

B
Oh, swift - lyglides the bon - ny boat, Just part - ed from the shore; And

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S to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

A to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

T to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

B to the fish - er's cho - rus note, Soft moves the dip - ping oar.

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J. F. King
(1894)

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