



Pull away merrily

BOAT-SONG

J. H. Tenney
(1840-1918)

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Pull a - way mer - ri - ly— o - ver the wa - ters! Tug to your oars for the wood - tan - gled shore; We're

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S off and a - float with earth's love - li - est daugh - ters, Worth all the ar - go - sies wave ev - er bore.

A off and a - float with earth's love - li - est daugh - ters, Worth all the ar - go - sies wave ev - er bore.

T off and a - float with earth's love - li - est daugh - ters, Worth all the ar - go - sies wave ev - er bore.

B off and a - float with earth's love - li - est daugh - ters, Worth all the ar - go - sies wave ev - er bore.

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S Pull a - way gal - lant - ly— pull a - way val - iant - ly— Pull with a swoop, boys; and pull for the shore:

A Pull a - way gal - lant - ly— pull a - way val - iant - ly— Pull with a swoop, boys; and pull for the shore:

T Pull a - way gal - lant - ly— pull a - way val - iant - ly— Pull with a swoop, boys; and pull for the shore:

B Pull a - way gal - lant - ly— pull a - way val - iant - ly— Pull with a swoop, boys; and pull for the shore:

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S Pull for the shore, boys, bend to the oar! _____

A Pull for the shore, boys, bend to the oar! _____

T Mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar!

B Mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar!

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S Mer - ri - ly, ner - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar!

A Mer - ri - ly, ner - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar! —

T Pull for the shore, boys, bend to the oar! —

B Pull for the shore, boys, bend to the oar! —

21

S O, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar! —

A Pull a - way gal - lant - ly— pull a - way val - iant - ly— Mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar! —

T O, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar! —

B Pull a - way gal - lant - ly— pull a - way val - iant - ly— Mer - ri - ly, bend to the oar! —

25

S Pull a - way cheer - i - ly!— land is be - fore us— Green groves are fling - ing their balm to the spray; The

A Pull a - way cheer - i - ly!— land is be - fore us— Green groves are fling - ing their balm to the spray; The

T Pull a - way cheer - i - ly!— land is be - fore us— Green groves are fling - ing their balm to the spray; The

B Pull a - way cheer - i - ly!— land is be - fore us— Green groves are fling - ing their balm to the spray; The

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S sky, like the spir - it of love, bend - ing o'er us, Lights her bright torch - es to show us the way.

A sky, like the spir - it of love, bend - ing o'er us, Lights her bright torch - es to show us the way.

T sky, like the spir - it of love, bend - ing o'er us, Lights her bright torch - es to show us the way.

B sky, like the spir - it of love, bend - ing o'er us, Lights her bright torch - es to show us the way.

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S Pull a - way char - i - ly— pull a - way war - i - ly— Pull with a nerve, boys; to - geth - er give way:

A Pull a - way char - i - ly— pull a - way war - i - ly— Pull with a nerve, boys; to - geth - er give way:

T Pull a - way char - i - ly— pull a - way war - i - ly— Pull with a nerve, boys; to - geth - er give way:

B Pull a - way char - i - ly— pull a - way war - i - ly— Pull with a nerve, boys; to - geth - er give way:

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S Pull to the lay, boys, pull to the lay! _____

A Pull to the lay, boys, pull to the lay! _____

T Mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay!

B Mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay!

Pull away merrily

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S Mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay!

A Mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay!

T Pull with a nerve, boys, pull to the lay! _____

B Pull with a nerve, boys, pull to the lay! _____

45

S O, _____ mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay! _____

A Pull a - way char - i - ly— pull a - way war - i - ly— Mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay! _____

T O, _____ mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay! _____

B Pull a - way char - i - ly— pull a - way war - i - ly— Mer - ri - ly, pull to the lay! _____

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S Pull a - way hear - ti - ly— light winds are blow - ing, Crisp - ing the rip - ples that dance at our side; The

A Pull a - way hear - ti - ly— light winds are blow - ing, Crisp - ing the rip - ples that dance at our side; The

T Pull a - way hear - ti - ly— light winds are blow - ing, Crisp - ing the rip - ples that dance at our side; The

B Pull a - way hear - ti - ly— light winds are blow - ing, Crisp - ing the rip - ples that dance at our side; The

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S moon bathes in sil - ver the path we are go - ing, Night is ar - rayed in her robes like a bride.

A moon bathes in sil - ver the path we are go - ing, Night is ar - rayed in her robes like a bride.

T moon bathes in sil - ver the path we are go - ing, Night is ar - rayed in her robes like a bride.

B moon bathes in sil - ver the path we are go - ing, Night is ar - rayed in her robes like a bride.

57

S Pull a - way read - i - ly— pull a - way stead - i - ly— Pull with a will, boys, and sing as we glide,

A Pull a - way read - i - ly— pull a - way stead - i - ly— Pull with a will, boys, and sing as we glide,

T Pull a - way read - i - ly— pull a - way stead - i - ly— Pull with a will, boys, and sing as we glide,

B Pull a - way read - i - ly— pull a - way stead - i - ly— Pull with a will, boys, and sing as we glide,

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S Pull with a will, boys, o - ver the tide! _____

A Pull with a will, boys, o - ver the tide! _____

T Mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide!

B Mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide!

Pull away merrily

65

S Mer - ri - ly, ner - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide!

A Mer - ri - ly, ner - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide!

T Pull with a will, boys, o - ver the tide! _____

B Pull with a will, boys, o - ver the tide! _____

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S O, _____ mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide! _____

A Pull a - way read - i - ly— pull a - way stead - i - ly— Mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide! _____

T O, _____ mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide! _____

B Pull a - way read - i - ly— pull a - way stead - i - ly— Mer - ri - ly, o - ver the tide! _____

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John Harrison Tenney (1840-1918) was born in Rowley, Massachusetts. His father was a choir director and his mother was the leading soprano in her husband's choir. He was named after President William Henry Harrison, being born just after the presidential campaign of "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too." By age 8, his parents had taught him to sight-read music and attended singing school and developed a pastime of composing tunes to well-known hymn texts. He studied his father's books and taught himself the principles of harmony. He subscribed to the periodical "The Musical Pioneer", consumed its contents, and began submitting items to the paper— many accepted for publication. He became a deacon and organist in the Congregational Church in Linebrook, Massachusetts. He edited or was associate editor of over 30 books, and contributed to hundreds more. He was a prolific composer of music for Sunday schools, churches, singing schools and choral societies.

Pull away merrily—over the waters!
Tug to your oars for the wood-tangled shore;
We're off and afloat with earth's loveliest daughters,
Worth all the argosies wave ever bore.
Pull away gallantly—pull away valiantly—
Pull with a swoop, boys; and pull for the shore:
Merrily, merrily, bend to the oar!

Pull away cheerily!—land is before us—
Green groves are flinging their balm to the spray;
The sky, like the spirit of love, bending o'er us,
Lights her bright torches to show us the way.
Pull away charily—pull away warily—
Pull with a nerve, boys; together give way:
Merrily, merrily, pull to the lay!

Pull away heartily—light winds are blowing,
Crisping the ripples that dance at our side;
The moon bathes in silver the path we are going,
Night is arrayed in her robes like a bride.
Pull away readily—pull away steadily—
Pull with a will, boys, and sing as we glide
Merrily, merrily, over the tide!

George Pope Morris (1802–1864)

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