

“The Sloop John B.” uses only three chords: **I**, **IV**, and **V7** (G, C, and D7). The chords have not been indicated, only the lyrics. (The first chord, G, is indicated for you.) You will try to figure out when to change chords for yourself. Try one of the following:

- Sing the song to yourself, begin on the G chord, strum along, and try to figure out when to change from the G to the next chord.
- Your teacher may strum and sing the song. Listen and raise your hand when you think the chord should change.
- The song is sung on the CD, strum along. Let your ear guide you to change chords.
- Once you are confident that you know when a chord change occurs, write the chord above the lyric on which the change happens.

The Sloop John B.

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Traditional

Verse 1:

G

We come on the sloop *John B.*,
 My grandfather and me.
 'Round Nassau town we did roam.
 Drinking all night,
 We got into a fight;
 I feel so broke up,
 I wanna go home.

Chorus:

So, hoist up the *John B.*'s sails.
 See how the mainsail sets.
 Send for the captain ashore, let me go home.
 Let me go home, please let me go home.
 I feel so broke up, I wanna go home.

Verse 2:

The poor cook he got the fits,
 Ate up all of the grits.
 Then he took and threw away all of the corn.
 Sheriff John Stone,
 Please leave me alone,
 I feel so broke up,
 I wanna go home.
 (To Chorus:)

