

# Middle School/Intermediate Song

## Song: The Sloop John B. (Rhythms of the Caribbean)

Variations for the class:

- sing the song at various speeds; discuss which tempo gives the best effect
- try creating new verses "on the spot".

Song	Modifications & Participation
<p><b>Verse 1</b>            Oh, we come on the sloop John B.,            My grandfather and me,            'Round Nassau town we did roam            Drinkin' all night,            We got in a fight.            Oh, I feel so break-up,            I wan-na go home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have the student keep different rhythms with different instruments (claves, bongo drums, guiro, maracas, cowbell, or conga drum) with hand over/under assistance if needed</li> <li>• have the student place sounds of the ocean in the background on a tape recorder with a switch and Powerlink</li> </ul>
<p><b>Verse 2</b>            So Hoist up the John B. sails,            See how the main sail's set            Send for the captain ashore            Lem-me go home            Oh lem-me go home.            Oh, I feel so break-up            I wan-na go home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have the student record the classmates' singing and play it back for them to hear</li> <li>• have the student choose which instrument to use to play along</li> <li>• record different sound effects on a voice output device</li> </ul>
<p><b>Verse 3</b> (create a new verse)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• record some missing words on the step by step recorder</li> </ul>



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