

The Sloop John B.

Traditional (first appeared in "Pieces of Eight" by
Richard Le Gallienne, 1917)

{ To play a simplified version – cross out all chords except G, G⁷, C & D⁷ }

G **G^{sus4}** **G** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
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G **G^{sus4}** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
 We come on the sloop John B. My grandfather and me

G⁵ **D** **D^{sus4}** **D**
 Around Nassau town we do roam. // //...
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G **G⁷** **C** **C^{sus4}**
 Drinking all night got into a fight

G **D** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
 Well I feel so broke up. I wanna go home // //...
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GHORUS:

G **G^{sus4}** **G**
 So hoist up the John B's sail.

G **G^{sus4}** **G**
 See how the mainsail sets

G **G⁵** **D** **D^{sus4}** **D**
 Call for the Captain ashore. Let me go home, // //...
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G **G⁷** **C** **C^{sus4}**
 Let me go home I wanna go home,

G **D** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
 Well I feel so broke up I wanna go home // //...
 // (repeat last line to end)

G **G^{sus4}** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
 The first mate he got drunk broke in the Captain's trunk

G⁵ **D** **D^{sus4}** **D**
 The constable had to come and take him away // //...
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G **G⁷** **C** **C^{sus4}**
 Sheriff John Stone Why don't you leave me alone,

G **D** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
 Well I feel so broke up I wanna go home // //...
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GHORUS:

G **G^{sus4}** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
 The poor cook he got the fits, threw away all of my grits,

G⁵ **D** **D^{sus4}** **D**
 Then he took and he ate up all of my corn // //...
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G **G⁷** **C** **C^{sus4}**
 Let me go home, I wanna go home

G **D** **G** **G^{sus4}** **G**
 This is the worst trip I've ever been on // //...
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GHORUS:

