

ROW ON (tune: Tim Laycock, arr. Penny Stone)

Text: written in the log book of The Three Brothers, a whaling ship from Nantucket working in the North Atlantic in 1846 (found by Gail Huntington and printed in 'Songs the Whalemens Sang', 1964)

Dark clouds are on the summer sky
There's thunder in the wind
Row on, row on and homeward hie
Nor take one look behind

Chorus

Row on row on, another day
May shine with brighter light
Ply, ply the oars and pull away
There's dawn beyond the night

Oh, like yon river would I glide
To where my heart would be
My barque should soon outsail the tide
That hurries to the sea

Chorus

But yet a star shines constant still
Through yonder cloudy sky
And hope as bright my bosom fills
From faith that cannot die

Chorus

Row on, row on, and speed the way
Thou must not linger here -
Storms hang about the close of day
Tomorrow may be clear

Chorus