

## Sloop John B

*"Sloop John B" (published 1916 by R. Le Gallienne, as "The John B. Sails") is a traditional Bahamian folk song. There have been many recordings: most famously in 1966 by The Beach Boys on their album Pet Sounds. Roud 15634.*

*Echo text in [] sung by chorus group two. Start echo on last syllable of the main song.*

For we sailed on the sloop John B, my grandpappy and me  
Around Nassau town we did roam  
Drinkin' all night [*Drinkin' all night*] Got into a fi..i..ight  
Well I feel so broke up [*oh yea*] I want to go home  
[*Doo ba, ba Doo ba, ba Doo ba*]

### Chorus

*So Hoist up the John B's sail [Hoist up the John B's sail]  
See how the main sail sets [See how the main sail sets]  
Call for the captain ashore let me go ho..o..ome  
I want to go home [Let me go home] and I want to go ho..o..ome  
[Hoist up the John B sail]  
Well I feel so broke up [oh yea] I want to go home. [Doo ba, ...]*

Now the captain is a wicked man, he gets drunk whenever he can  
And he don't give a damn for grandpappy and me..e..e.  
He kicks us around [*kicks us around*] and he knocks us abou..ou..out  
Well, I feel so broke up, [*oh yea*] I want to go home. [*Doo ba, ...*]

Then the first mate he got drunk, and he broke in the captains's trunk  
The Constable had to come and take him awa..a..ay  
Sheriff John Stone [*Sheriff John Stone*]  
Why don't you leave me alo..o..one? [*Why don't you leave me alone?*]  
Well I feel so broke up [*oh yea*] I want to go home  
<SLOW DOWN> [*Doo ba, ba Doo ba, ba Doo ba ...*]

Chorus <SLOW but SPEED UP on:> [*Doo ba, ba Doo ba ...*

Chorus <FAST but slow down on:> *Well I feel so broke up, ...*

Well I feel so broke up [*oh yea*] I want to go home [*Doo ba, Doo ba,  
Dooo...*]