

sit down you're rockin the boat

As sung by Bridge Town Sound

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for the Chiefs of Staff

Allegro ♩ = 120

Verse 1
freely

1

SOLO
Intro

I dreamed last night I got on the boat to Heav-en And

TENOR LEAD
Ah _____ ooh _____

BARI. BASS
mf

5

by some chance I had brought my dice a-long, And there I stood and I

ooh _____ ooh _____

The musical score is written for three voices: SOLO, TENOR LEAD, and BARI. BASS. It is in 4/4 time and marked Allegro with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. The score begins with an 'Intro' section for the SOLO part, followed by the first line of the verse. The lyrics are: 'I dreamed last night I got on the boat to Heav-en And by some chance I had brought my dice a-long, And there I stood and I'. The SOLO part consists of eighth and quarter notes. The TENOR LEAD part features long, sustained notes with lyrics 'Ah' and 'ooh'. The BARI. BASS part provides a harmonic foundation with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The score is divided into two systems, with the first system ending at measure 4 and the second system starting at measure 5.

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8

hol - lered, "Some - one fade me," But the pas - sen - gers they knew right from

ooh

Chorus 1
with a beat

10

wrong.

right from wrong. Peo - ple all said "Sit down, .

Bass melody

For the

12

sit down you're rock - in' the boat;".

15

Peo - ple all said "Sit down, sit down, you're rock-in' the boat;

18

ah

And the de - vil will drag you un - der By the sharp la - pel of your

ah

ah

22

check - ered coat; Sit down, sit down, Sit down, sit down, Sit down

25

you're rock - in' the boat, Sit down you're rock - in' the boat,

maintain tempo

28

rock - in' the boat _____ rock - in' the boat." _____

rock - in' the boat _____ rock - in' the boat

32 **Allegro** $\text{♩} = 120$ **Verse 2**
in tempo

Well, I sailed a - way _____ on that

ooh _____

doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee

35

lit - tle boat to Heav - en And by some

ooh _____

doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee doo doom doo bee doom doo bee

38

chance found a bot-tle in my fist, And

doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee doo

41

there I stood nice-ly pas-sin' out the

ooh

doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee doom doo bee doo

44

whis-key, But the pas-sen-gers were bound to re-sist. _____

Ooh _____ bound to re-sist

doo

For the

Chorus 2
Allegro ♩ = 120

49

peo-ple all said, "Be-ware, _____ you're on _____ a heav-en - ly trip." _____

Bass melody

53

Peo - ple all said, "Be-ware, _____ be - ware _____ you'll scut-tle the ship; _____ And the

57

de - vil will drag you un - der _____ By the fan - cy tie _____ round your wick-ed throat; Sit down,

ah _____

ah _____

61

_____ sit down, _____ sit down, _____ sit down, _____ Sit down _____ you're rock - in' the boat.

ah _____

64

Sit down you're rock-in' the boat, rock - in' the boat

rock - in' the boat

68

And

rock - in' the boat."

rock - in' the boat

71 **Verse 3**

as I laughed at those pas-sen-gers to Heav-en // A great big wave
evil laughter

ooh // oh

74

washed me ov-er - board, And as I sank, and I hol-lered, "Some save me," That's the -one

"Some- one save me,"

ooh ah ah save me

ah save me

77

mo - ment I woke up, thank the Lord, thank the Lord.

mo - ment I woke up, thank the Lord thank the Lord.

Chorus 3
a tempo

79

said to my - self, "Sit down, sit down you're rock-in' the boat."

And I

Bass melody

83

Said to my - self, "Sit down, sit down you're rock - in' the boat; And the Lead melody

87

de - vil will drag you un - der With a soul so heav - y you'd nev - er float; Sit down,

91

sit down, sit down, sit down! The de - vil will get you if you don't sit down, And

95

if you go you're sure to drown! Sit down, sit down, you're rock - in' the boat.

