

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing By.

I saw three ships come sail - ing by, Sail - ing by, sail - ing by; I

The first system of the musical score is in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff with a vocal line and a bass staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I saw three ships come sail - ing by, Sail - ing by, sail - ing by; I". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

5 saw three ships come sail - ing by On New Year's Day in the morn - ing.

poco ritard.

The second system of the musical score continues from the first. It is marked with a "poco ritard." (poco ritardando) instruction. The lyrics are: "saw three ships come sail - ing by On New Year's Day in the morn - ing.". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

2. And what do you think was in them then, etc.

3. Three pretty girls were in them then, etc.

4. And one could whistle, and one could sing,
The other could play on the violin;
Such joy there was at my wedding
On New Year's Day in the morning.