

Elder Bordee

As sung by Lawrence Older

With an easy swing, felt in 1 $\text{♩} = 54$

C G C F C

1. There were three broth-ers from mer - ry Scot - land, Three lov - ing broth - ers were they. And
 2. The lot it fell up - on El - der Bor - dee, The young - est of ___ the three, That
 3. They had not sailed one day, two, nor three 'fore three ves - sels they did es - py A -
 4. "Who's there? Who's there?" cried El - der Bor - dee, "Who's there that's sail - ing so nigh?" "We are
 5. "No, no, no, no," ___ cried El - der Bor - dee, "No, no. ___ That nev - er can be. Your

F C F C G C

they did cast lots to see which should go to sail rob - bing all 'round the salt sea. _____
 he, to main - tain the oth - ers, to sail ___ while rob - bing all 'round the salt sea. _____
 sail - ing far off and a - sail - ing far on and at length they came sail - ing close by. _____
 three mer - chant ves - sels from old ___ Eng - land and of no of - fense; let us pass by." _____
 ships I will have and your car - go, my boys, and your bod - ies I'll cast in the sea."

*Vs. 13: Sing quarter notes E and D; no pick-up.

**Vss. 4, 5 & 11: Sing quarter notes G and F.

***Older sings Henry as a 3-syllable word.

6. And when this reached King Henry's throne,
 The man that wore the crown,
 To think that three of his vessels were lost
 And all of his merry men drowned.

7. "O build a ship!" cried King Henry
 "O build it safe and sure.
 If Elder Bordee you do not bring me,
 My life I'll no longer endure.

8. They built a ship both safe and sure,
 As you will understand,
 And Captain Charles Stewart they put on board
 To take the bold command.

9. He had not sailed one day, two, nor three,
 'Fore three vessels he did espy
 A-sailing far off and a-sailing far on,
 And at length they came sailing close by.

10. "Who's there? Who's there?" cried Captain Charles Stewart,
 "Who's there that's sailing so nigh?"
 "We're three bold robbers from merry Scotland
 And of no offense, let us pass by."

11. "No, no, no, no," cried Captain Charles Stewart,
 "No, no. That never can be.
 Your ships I will have and your cargo, my boys,
 And your bodies I'll carry with me."

12. Broadside to broadside they sailed right up,
 And, oh, how the cannons did roar.
 They took Elder Bordee and his whole company
 To the land of old England's shore.
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