

# 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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