

Blue Boat Home #1064

words: Peter Mayer, music Roland Hugh Prichard/ accomp. arr. Jason Shelton

1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say: I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls, making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song: I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

Now Let Us Sing #368

words & music anonymous

HIGHER VOICES

1 Sing to the power of the faith within.
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.

2 Sing to the power of the hope within ...

3 Sing to the power of the love within. ...

4 Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

LOWER VOICES

1. Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Now let us sing, sing sing sing.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Now let us sing to the power of the faith within.

2. Now let us sing to the power of the hope within.

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I'm On My Way #116

African American Spiritual

1 I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

2 I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

3 I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

4 If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they say no, I'll go anyhow. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

5 I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

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