

Sloop John B

Trad. Bahamian folk song; Chords for Bari Uke by Lew Toulmin Feb. 2021;
Calypso DDUUD, or Up down DUDU

We [G] come on the Sloop John B, my grandfather and me
Around Nassau town we did [D7] roam
Drinking all [G] night, [G7] got into a [C] fight, [Am] yeah, yeah
Well I [G] feel so break up, I [D7] wanna to go [G] home. [C] [D7] [G]

Chorus:

So [G] hoist up the John B's sails
See how the mainsail sets
Call for the Captain ashore
Let me go [D7] home, let me go [G] home
[G7] I want to go [C] home, [Am]
Well [G] I feel so break up, [D7],
I want to go [G] home. [C] [D7] [G]

The [G] first mate he got drunk; he broke in the Cap'n's trunk
The constable had to come and take him [D7] away.
Sheriff John [G] Stone,
[G7] Why don't you leave me [C] alone, [Am] yeah yeah
Well I [G] feel so break up, [D7] I wanna to go [G] home [C] [D7] [G]

Chorus

The [G] poor cook he caught the fits, he threw away all my grits
Then he took and he ate up all of my [D7] corn. I wanna go [G] home,
[G7] Why don't they let me go [C] home, [Am] yeah yeah
This is [G] the worst trip [D7] I've ever been [G] on! [C] [D7] [G]

Last Chorus (end with [C] [D7] [G])