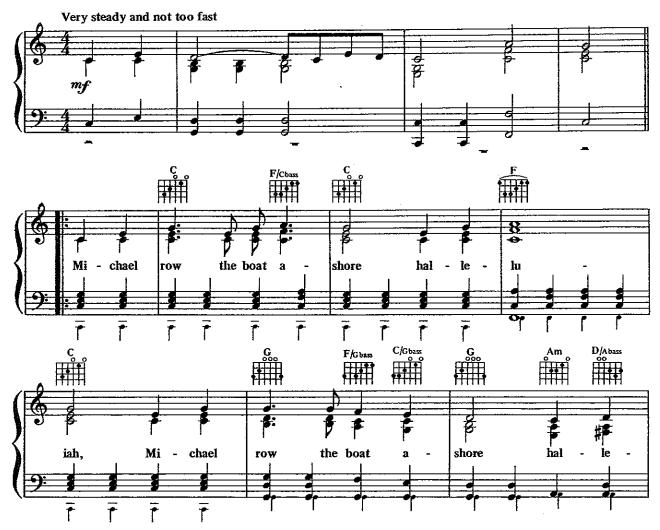
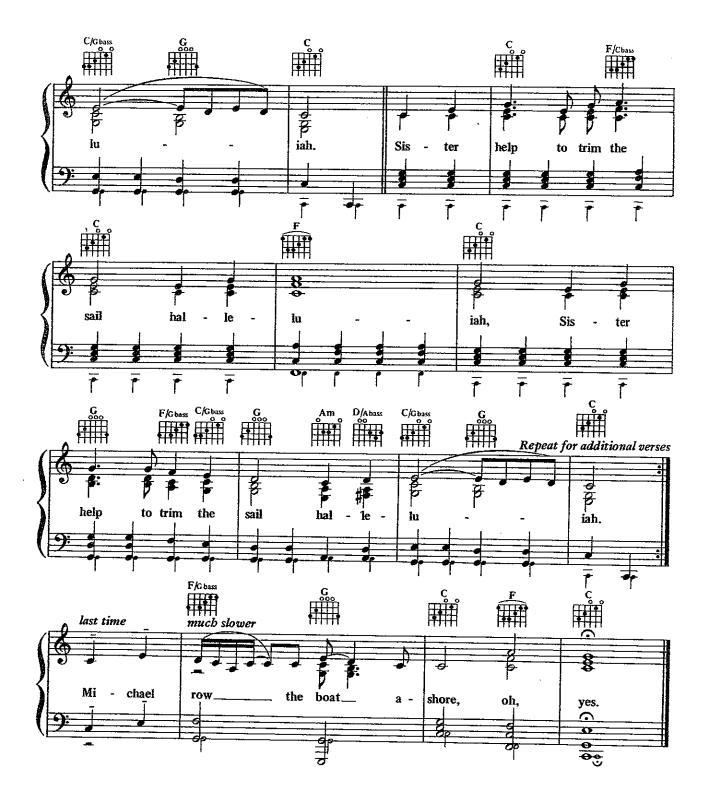


Michael, Row the Boat Ashore

Modern folklore collectors tell us that "Michael" originated in the islands off the coast of Georgia where it has been sung since slave days. It is fairly unusual in that it is both a spiritual and a work song—specifically, a sea chantey—which was sung by slaves rowing plantation river boats. When the load was heavy, they invoked the help of the Archangel Michael, intoning the lines to the stroke of the oars. In 1961, the Highwaymen made the song a universal favorite with their million-selling record.





- Iordan's river is chilly and cold, halleluiah, Iordan's river is chilly and cold, halleluiah, Iordan's river is wide and deep, halleluiah, Iordan's river is wide and deep, halleluiah, Michael, row the boat ashore, oh, yes.
- Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, halleluiah, Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, halleluiah. Michael's boat is a gospel boat, halleluiah, Michael's boat is a gospel boat, halleluiah, Michael, row the boat ashore, oh, yes.

