

I SAW THREE SHIPS

1. I saw three ships come sail - ing by,
2. And what do you think was in them then,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with chords and a walking bass line. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 6/8.

Sail - ing by, sail - ing by, I saw three ships come
In them then, in them then, And what do you think was

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes in the treble staff and a consistent bass line in the bass staff.

sail - ing by, On New - year's Day in the morn - ing.
in them then, On New - year's Day in the morn - ing?

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines.