

# THE SLOOP JOHN B

Bahamian folk song (transcription by Richard Le Gallienne (1916)

fk for de10/23

**Key:** C **Start note:** G **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** D du D du or calypso

**Intro:** C /// C ///

C Csus4| C Csus4| C  
We come on - the Sloop John B, ....my grandfather and me  
C/g G7 G7sus4 |G7

A- round Na-ssau town, we did roam

C C7 F Fm  
Drinkin' all night— got into a fight—

C G7 C Csus4| C  
Well, I feel so broke up— I wanna go home—

**CHORUS:**

C Csus4 | C  
*So hoist up— the John B's sail—*

C Csus4 | C  
*See how— the main sail sets—*

C/g G7 G7sus4 |G7  
*Call for the cap-tain a-shore — Let me go home*

C C7 F Fm  
*Let me go home— Let me go home—*

C G7 C Csus4 |C  
*Well, I feel so broke up— I wanna go home—*

C Csus4| C Csus4| C  
The first mate— he got drunk..... broke in— the Cap- tain's trunk  
C/g G7 G7sus4 | G7

The Consta-ble had to come— and take him a-way

C C7 F Fm  
Sheriff John Stone— why don't you leave me a-lone?— yeah

C G7 C Csus4 |C  
Well, I feel so broke up— I want go home—

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**C**                    **C7**                    **F**                    **Fm**  
*Let me go home—*                    *Let me go home—*  
**C**                    **G7**                    **C**                    **Csus4 | C**  
*Well, I feel so broke up— I wanna go home—*

**C**                    **Csus4 | C**                    **Csus4 | C**  
 The poor cook he caught the fits, threw away all my grits  
    **C/g**                    **G7**                    **G7sus4 | G7**  
 And then he— took and ate up all of my corn

**C**                    **C7**                    **F**                    **Fm**  
 Let me go home— why don't they let me go home—?  
                          **C**                    **G7**                    **C**                    **Csus4 | C**  
 This is the worst trip— I've ever been on !—

**CHORUS:**

**C**                    **Csus4 | C**  
*So hoist up— the John B's sail—*  
                          **C**                    **Csus4 | C**  
*See how— the main sail sets—*  
    **C/g**                    **G7**                    **G7sus4 | G7**  
*Call for the cap-tain a-shore — Let me go home—*  
                          **C**                    **C7**                    **F**                    **Fm**  
*Let me go home— Let me go home—*

**C**                    **G7**                    **C**                    **Csus4 | C**  
*Well, I feel so broke up— I wanna go home—*

**C**                    **G7**                    **C**                    **C↓C↑C↓**  
*I feel so broke up— I wanna go home—*