



THE KEEL ROW

Old Border folksong

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(1877-1946)

Thomas Frederick Dunhill (1877-1946) was born in Hampstead, London, England, and was educated at the North London High School for Boys and Kent College, Canterbury. In 1893 he entered the Royal College of Music, studying composition under Charles Villiers Stanford. He continued studying under Stanford after leaving the college, studying with him until 1901. Dunhill was assistant music master at Eton and professor of harmony and counterpoint at the Royal College of Music. He then became an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. He was in steady demand as musical examiner, lecturer, adjudicator, and teacher.

As I came down the Sandgate,
I heard a lassie sing.
O! merry may the keel row,
The ship that my love's in!

My love he wears a bonnet,
A snawy rose upon it,
A dimple on his chin.
O! merry may the keel row,
The ship that my love's in!

And soon I learnt her lover,
Had landed from the Rover,
And joined her in the strain.
O! merry may the keel row,
The ship that my love's in!

Traditional

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$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 80$

S
As I came down the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, As

A
As I came down the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, As

T
As I came down the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, As

B
As I came down the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, the Sand - gate, As

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S
I came down the Sand - gate, I heard a las - sie sing. O!

A
I came down the Sand - gate, I heard a las - sie sing. O!

T
I came down the Sand - gate, I heard a las - sie sing. O!

B
I came down the Sand - gate, I heard a las - sie sing. O!

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S mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, the keel _____ row, O!

A mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, the keel row, O!

T — mer - ry may the keel row, the keel _____ row,

B mer - ry may the keel row, the keel _____ row, the keel row,

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rit. *a tempo*

S mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in! My

rit. *a tempo*

A mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

rit. *a tempo*

T mer - ry may the keel _____ row, The ship that my love's in!

rit. *a tempo*

B mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

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S love he wears a bon - net, a bon - net, a bon - net, A

p

A My love he wears a bon - net, A

p

T My love he wears _____ a bon - net, A

p

B My love he wears a bon - net, A

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S snaw - y rose up - on it, A dim - ple on his chin. *pp* O!

A snaw - y rose up - on it, A dim - ple on his chin. *pp* O!

T snaw - y rose up - on it, A dim - ple on his chin. *pp* O!

B snaw - y rose up - on it, A dim - ple on his

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S mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, the keel row, O! *f*

A mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, the keel row, O! *f*

T mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, the keel row, O! *f*

B chin. *pp* O! mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, O! *f*

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S mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

A mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

T mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in! *mp* And

B mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

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S And soon I learnt her lov - er, Had

A And soon I learnt her lov - er, Had

T soon I learnt her lov - er, her lov - er, her lov - er, Had

B And soon I learnt her lov - er, her lov - er, Had

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S land - ed from the Ro - ver, And join'd her in the strain.

A land - ed from the Ro - ver, And join'd her in the strain.

T land - ed from the Ro - ver, And join'd her in the strain. *ff* O!

B land - ed from the Ro - ver, And join'd her in the strain. *ff* O!

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S *ff* O! mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, *p* O!

A *ff* O! mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, *p* O!

T mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, *p* O!

B mer - ry may the keel row, the keel row, *p* O!

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S mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in! O!

A mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in! O!

T mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in! O!

B mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in! O!

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S *poco rit.* *ff* mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

A *poco rit.* *ff* mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

T *poco rit.* *ff* mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

B *poco rit.* *ff* mer - ry may the keel row, The ship that my love's in!

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