

Middle School/Intermediate Song

Song: The Sloop John B. (Rhythms of the Caribbean)

Variations for the class:

- sing the song at various speeds; discuss which tempo gives the best effect
- try creating new verses "on the spot"

Song	Modifications & Participation
<p>Verse 1 Oh, we come on the sloop John B., My grandfather and me, 'Round Nassau town we did roam Drinkin' all night, We got in a fight. Oh, I feel so break-up, I wan-na go home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have the student keep different rhythms with different instruments (claves, bongo drums, guiro, maracas, cowbell, or conga drum) with hand over/under assistance if needed • have the student play sounds of the ocean in the background on a tape recorder with a switch and Powerlink
<p>Verse 2 So Hoist up the John B. sails, See how the main sail's set Send for the captain ashore Lem-me go home Oh lem-me go home. Oh, I feel so break-up I wan-na go home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have the student record the classmates' singing and play it back for them to hear • have the student choose which instrument to use to play along • record different sound effects on a voice output device
<p>Verse 3 (create a new verse)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • record some missing words on the Step-by-Step Communicator

