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THE OLD BOAT

Song; or Duett and Chorus.

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1. Gent-ly
2. On the
3. But the



down the rip - pling wa - ters, Moved the boat..... of long a - go, With its
lim - pid sur - face rest - ing, In its spot - - less beau - ty crown'd, Bloom'd a
boat has long since per - ished, And the maid - - ens mat - rons are; Hush'd the

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freight of farm-er's daughters, Speed-ing on..... their light ca - noe. Joy - ous
 li - - - ly ga - zing up - ward, List - 'ning to..... the joy - ous sound; But a
 joy - - ous song and cho - rus, Burden-ed o'er with press - ing care. Long re -

shouts and mer - ry war - blings, Told of hap - - py, hap - py hearts, While the
 grace - - ful hand has pluck'd it, From its crys - - tal dim - pled bed, And tho'
 mem - - ber'd be the sea - son, Long the boat..... its por - tion share, And the

waves..... in ti - ny cir - clets Humm'd a tune..... of ma - ny parts.
 drip - - ping with its mois - ture, It must grace..... a shin - ing head.
 lim - - pid spark-ling wa - ter, Long its crown..... of li - ly wear.

CHORUS.

Soprano.
Down, down, down o'er the rip - pling stream, Light-ly sped our boat, long a - go,

Alto.

Tenor.
Down, down, down o'er the rip - pling stream, Light-ly sped our boat, long a - go, long a - go,

Bass

Light hearts beat to the mer - ry, mer-ry plash, Of the oar and the wave - let's flow.

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