Elder Bordee

With an easy swing, felt in 1 \( \frac{\text{d}}{\text{e}} = 54 \)

Elder Bordee
As sung by Lawrence Older

1. There were three brothers from merry Scotland,
   Three loving brothers were they.
   And

2. The lot it fell upon Elder Bor-dee,
   The youngest of the three.
   That

3. They had not sailed one day, two, nor three
   'fore three vessels they did es-py
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4. "Who's there? Who's there?" cried Elder Bor-dee,
   "Who's there that's sailing so nigh?"
   "We are

5. "No, no, no, no," cried Elder Bor-dee,
   "No, no, That never can be.
   Your

F C F C G C

they did cast lots to see which should go to sail robbing all 'round the salt sea.
he, to main-tain the others, to sail while robbing all 'round the salt sea.
sailing far off and a-sailing far on and at length they came sailing close by.
three merchant vessels from old England and of no offense; let us pass by.
ships I have and your cargo, my boys, and your bodies I'll cast in the sea."

*Vs. 13: Sing quarter notes E and D; no pick-up.

**Vs. 4, 5 & 11: Sing quarter notes G and F.

***Older sings Henry as a 3-syllable word.

6. And when this reached King Henery's throne,
The man that wore the crown,
To think that three of his vessels were lost
And all of his merry men drowned.

7. "O build a ship!" cried King Henery
"O build it safe and sure.
If Elder Bordee you do not bring me,
My life I'll no longer endure.

8. They built a ship both safe and sure,
As you will understand,
And Captain Charles Stewart they put on board
To take the bold command.

9. He had not sailed one day, two, nor three,
'Fore three vessels he did espy
A-sailing far off and a-sailing far on,
And at length they came sailing close by.

10. "Who's there? Who's there?" cried Captain Charles Stewart,
"Who's there that's sailing so nigh?"
"We're three bold robbers from merry Scotland
And of no offense, let us pass by."

11. "No, no, no, no," cried Captain Charles Stewart,
"No, no. That never can be.
Your ships I will have and your cargo, my boys,
And your bodies I'll carry with me."

12. Broadside to broadside they sailed right up,
And, oh, how the cannons did roar.
They took Elder Bordee and his whole company
To the land of old England's shore.
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