

Bill Jinks

Riverboat transport was very important for the towns on the Darling and the Murray. Alex Hood wrote this song about a river identity.

Verse

There's a sail - or bold on the Mur - ray - O who's _ sailed the world a - round.
He's the cap - tain of the Riv - er - boat Jane No bet - ter could be found.

Chorus

And the mot - or goes chug, chug - ga,
chug - ga, chug, chug As it sings the riv - er boat song.
The gum trees sigh as the Jane goes by and the padd - le wheels push her a - long.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Verse consists of two lines of music. The Chorus consists of three lines of music. Chords are indicated by letters G, C, D7, Bm, and Am above the notes.

Bill Jinks has a beard as white as snow
And a captain's hat on his head.
His mate steers the boat while Bill has a rest
In a hammock for his bed.

As the Jane goes by Bill fishes for eels
Because they're his favourite dish.
To have eels for his breakfast dinner and tea
Is the Captain's dearest wish.

If you're going his way Bill will take you aboard
And give you a marvellous ride
Past river gums creeks and billabongs
You'll see all the country-side.