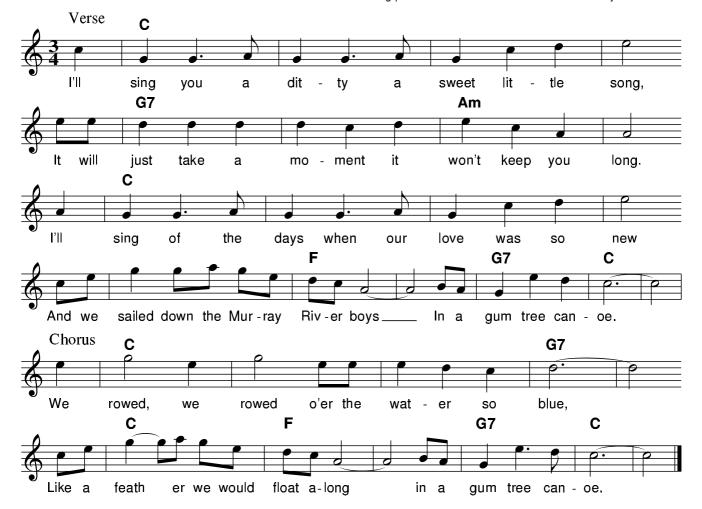
## A Gum Tree Canoe

Words and music collected by Frank Nickels 1957 from Mrs J Wilson from St Arnaud, Victoria. It is an Australianised version of a minstrel song published in Boston in 1847 and written by S. S. Steele



My hand on my banjo, my toe on my oar I work all the day and Ising as I go And at night I return to my Julia so true And we sail down the Murray River boys In a gum tree canoe.

I once left the river and went on the land To set myself up as a cocky so grand But the life didn't suit me it made my heart sore So I went back to the Murray River boys And my Julia once more.