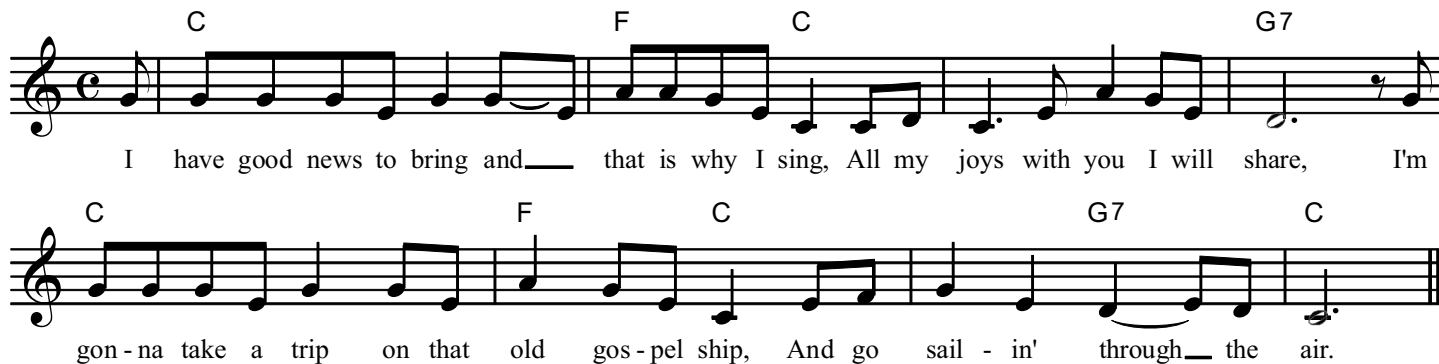


OLD GOSPEL SHIP

Traditional Southern Gospel Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Southern Gospel Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Carter Family-1935; Monroe Brothers-1937; Red Smiley and the Bluegrass Cut-Ups; Joan Baez; New Lost City Ramblers; **OTHER NAMES:** Gospel Ship; **NOTES:** This popular Southern gospel song shares the melody with "Have a Feast Here Tonight." A.P. Carter and the Carter Family have an excellent version. Alan Lomax collected a version from Ruby Bass on Southern Journeys- Vol. 4, Brethren, We Meet Again: Southern White Spirituals. The melody for the chorus is almost identical to the verse.



I have good news to bring and that is why I sing, All my joys with you I will share, I'm
gon-na take a trip on that old gos-pel ship, And go sail - in' through the air.

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C **F** **C**
I have good new to bring and that is why I sing,
G7
All my joys with you I will share
C **F** **C**
I'm gonna take a trip on that old gospel ship,
G7 **C**
And go sailing through the air.

C **F** **C**
Chorus: I'm gonna take a trip on that old gospel ship
G7
I'm going far beyond the sky
C **F** **C**
I'm gonna shout and sing, until the bells do ring
G **C**
When I'm bidding this world good-bye.

If you are ashamed of me, you ought not to be
And you better have a care
If too much fault you find, you'll sure be left behind
When I'm sailing through the air.

I can hardly wait, I know I won't be late
I'll spend all my time in prayer
And when my ship comes in, I'll leave this world of sin
And go sailing through the air.