The Folksong Collection
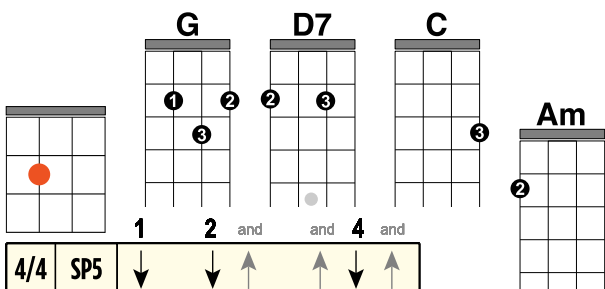
The Sloop John B *(traditional)*

1
    G   /   / /   G   /   /   /
We come on the sloop John B,   my grandfather and me,
    G   /   /   /   D7   / /
Around Nassau town, we did roam;
D7   G / / /   C   / Am /
  Drinking all night,   got into a fight
    G   /   D7   /   G   / / /
I feel so broke up,   I wanna go home!

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    G   /   / / /   /   / /
So hoist up the John B's sail,   see how the mainsail sets
    G   /   /   /   D7 / /
Call for the Captain ashore And let me go home,
D7   G   / / /   C   / Am /
  I wanna go home,   I wanna go home,
    G   /   D7   /   G   / / /
I feel so broke up,   I wanna go home!

2
    G   /   / /   /   /   / /
The first mate he got drunk,   and broke in the captain's trunk
    G   /   /   /   D7   / /
The constable had to come and take him away
D7   G / /   /   C   / Am /
  Sheriff John Stone,   why don't you leave me alone
    G   /   D7   /   G   / / /
I feel so broke up,   I wanna go home!

G

D7

C

Am

4/4   SP5

1   2   and   and 4   and

The Sloop John B was a traditional Bahamian folk song, but came to international prominence when the Beach Boys released their version of it in 1966.

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