

Pulling Hard Against the Stream

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Swing it...

(PD - FF Version)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of six lines of music, each with a measure number (1, 5, 9, 14, 17, 21) at the beginning. Chord symbols (G, C, D) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Oh it's in this world I've gained my knowledge, And for it I've had to pay:—

5 Though I nev-er went to col - lege, Yet I've heard the po-ets say:

9 "Life is like a mighty ri - ver, Rolling on from day to day: Men are vessels

14 launch-ed up-on it, Some-times wrecked and cast a - way." Then

17 Chorus:
do your best for one_ a - noth-er, Ma - king life a pleasant dream,

21 Help a worn and_ wea-ry bro - ther, Pull-ing hard a-against the stream.

Playing Notes: (none)

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| <p>1. In this world I've gained my knowledge,
 And for it I've had to pay:
 Though I never went to college,
 Yet I've heard the poets say:
 "Life is like a mighty river,
 Rolling on from day to day:
 Men are vessels launched upon it,
 Sometimes wrecked and cast away."
 (Chorus)</p> | <p>3. If the wind be in your favour,
 And you've weathered every squall,
 Think of those who luckless labour,
 Never get fair winds at all;
 Working hard, contented, willing,
 Struggling on life's ocean wild,
 Without a friend and not a shilling,
 Have to pull against the tide.
 (Chorus)</p> |
| <p>2. Many a bright good-hearted fellow;
 Many a noble minded man,
 Finds himself in water shallow,
 Then assist him if you can,
 Some succeed at every turning,
 Fortune favours every scheme,
 Others, too, tho' more deserving,
 Have to pull against the stream.
 (Chorus)</p> | <p>4. Don't give way to foolish sorrow:
 Let this keep you in good cheer,
 Brighter days may come tomorrow,
 If you try and persevere;
 Darkest nights must have a morning,
 Should the sky be overcast,
 Longest lanes must have a turning,
 And the tide will turn at last.</p> |

Chorus: Then do your best for one another,
 Making life a pleasant dream,
 Help a worn and weary brother,
 Pulling hard against the stream.