

Paddle Your Own Canoe

Written and performed by Harry Clifton (1832-1872)



Intro

I've travelled around a bit in me time,
of troubles I've seen a few
I found it far better in every clime
to paddle me own canoe
Me wants they are small I care not at all,
me debts they are paid when due
I drive away strife from the ocean of life
and paddle me own canoe

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*And I have no wife to bother me life, no lover to prove untrue
The whole day long I laugh with the song and paddle me own canoe
+ Fiddle*

It's all very well to depend on a friend, that is if you proved him true
You'll find it better by far in the end to paddle your own canoe
It's better I say to make your own way, As the world you go travelling through.
You never will sigh if you only will try to paddle your own canoe.

Refr + Fiddle

So love everybody, trust only the few as the world I go travelling through
And never sit down with a tear and a frown, but paddle your own canoe.
I rise with the lark from daylight to dark; I do what I have to do
I'm careless in wealth, I've only me health to paddle me own canoe

Refr + Fiddle

Though England has ruled our small little land and manys the country too
Just take my advice and never think twice to paddle your own canoe
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Refr + Fiddle End