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# THE BOATIE ROWS

an ancient Scotch Ballad

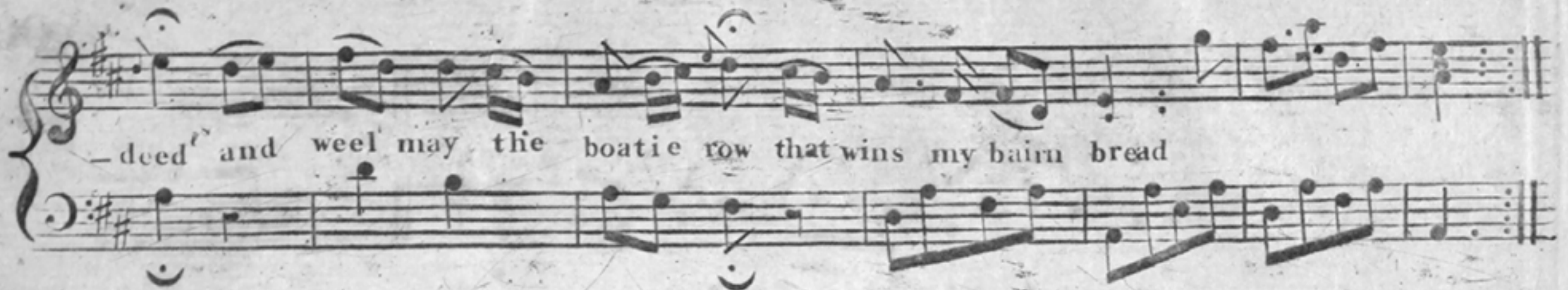
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O weel may the boatie row and

better may she spied and lie fome may the

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O weel may the boatie row,  
 That fills a heavy creel,  
 And cleads us a' frae head to feet,  
 And buys our pottage meal;  
 The boatie rows, the boatie rows,  
 The boatie rows indeed,  
 And happy be the lot of a',  
 That wifh the boat to speed.

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When Jamie yow'd he wou'd be mine,  
 And wan frae me my heart,  
 O muckle lighter grew my creel,  
 He swore wed never part;  
 The boatie rows, the boatie rows,  
 The boatie rows fu' weel,  
 And muckle lighter is the load,  
 When love bears up the creel.

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When Sawney, Jock, and Janetie,  
 Are up and-gotten lear;  
 They'll help to gar the boatie row,  
 And lighten a' our care.  
 The boatie rows, the boatie rows,  
 The boatie rows fu' weel,  
 And lightfome be her heart that bears,  
 The murlain, and the creel.

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And when wi' age we are borne down,  
 And hirpling round the door,  
 They'll row to keep us dry and warm,  
 As we did them before;  
 Then weel may the boatie row,  
 She wins the bairn's bread;  
 And happy be the lot of a',  
 That wifh the boat to speed.

bairns—children. creel—a hamper. muckle—much. lear—learning.  
 gar—make. murlain—a basket. hirpling—creeping.

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The Boatie with an Obligato Accompaniment - - - - - Arranged by B. Wolfe

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Boatie row and better may she spied and lie some may the

Boatie row that wins the bairns bread the Boatie rows the

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Boatie row that wins my bairns bread.