



# Song of the Volga Boatmen

THE DOTTED HALF-NOTE  
IN FOUR-FOUR TIME

Yo, yo, heave  
ho!  
Oh,  
yo, yo, heave  
ho!  
So

pull  
to -  
geth - er;  
for - ward still we  
go.

**M**USIC is written in HAPPY keys (*Major*) and SAD keys (*Minor*). This famous Russian Folk-Song is an example in a SAD key.

Years ago, before there were steamboats, the peasants who lived along the banks of the river Volga, used to pull boats and barges, heavily loaded with merchandise, up the river from one village to the next.

The plodding along the banks of those condemned to this labor was terrible. While struggling along, they used to lighten their burden by singing the sad strains of this rhythmical melody.