



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.

MUSIC 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.