

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Hudson River Steamer

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Hudson River steamboat, steamin' up and down.  
New York to Albany or any river town.  
Choo-choo to go ahead, choo-choo to back 'er.  
Captain and the first mate, they both chew  
tobacker.

cho: Oh, choo-choo to go ahead, choo-choo to  
back 'er.  
Packet boat, towboat, and a double-stacker.  
Choo-choo to Tarrytown, Spuyten Duyvil all  
around.  
Choo-choo to go ahead, choo-choo to back  
'er.

Shad boat, pickle boat, lyin' side by side.  
Fisherfolk and sailormen waitin' for the tide.  
Raincloud, stormcloud over yonder hill.  
Thunder on the Dunderberg \_ the rumble's  
in the kill.

The Sedgwick was racin', and she lost all hope.  
Used up her steam on the big calliope.  
She was hoppin' right along, she was hoppin'  
quick,  
All the way from Stony Point to Popalopen  
Creek.

(final chorus):

Aww, choo-choo to go ahead, choo-choo to  
back 'er.  
Packet boat, towboat, and a double-stacker.  
New York to Albany, Rondout and Tivoli.  
Choo-choo to go ahead, choo-choo to  
back 'er.

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Note: From singing of John and Lucy Allison. I can't tell, but  
frequently John wrote his own tunes for songs he found.RG

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