This is a very old tune, based on the old minstrel song Dance, Boatman, Dance. This version has three parts.

The Boatsman dance, the Boatsman sing,
The Boatsman do most everything,
And when the Boatsman get on shore,
Spends all his money and he work for more.

Dance, Boatsman, dance. Dance, Boatsman, dance,
Stay out all night, 'til the broad daylight,
Coming home with the girls in the morning.
Hey, ho, the boatmen row,
Sail down the river on the Ohio.
Hey, ho, the Boatmen row,
Sail down the river on the Ohio.