

Steamboats Days

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Now there's many a steamer looks just fine,

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Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

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But they'll never beat the boats of the Eastern Line!

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When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Now we're steamin' out from the Kennebec Pier,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

Hear her whistle blow loud an' clear!

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Now swing her hard for the Sasanoa River,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

Keep to the channel or we're stuck here forever!

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Down the Upper Hell Gates, steady an' fast,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

Don't scrape the ledges as we fly past!

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Past Hockomock Bluff an' cross the Bay,

Shovel in the coal an' let her run!

For Castle Island now bear away –

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Through the Lower Hell Gates to Westport Pier

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

Drop off the dry goods that's ordered here –

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Then it's down the River to the Riggsville Dock,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

Where the summer folks all come down in flocks –

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Through Goose Rock Passage to Five Islands Pier,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

There's barrels of salt-cod a-waitin' here –

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Cross the Sheepscoot, past the Middle Mark,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

Wave at the seals sunnin' on the rocks –

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Then nose into Southport for one last stop,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

Now thread the Gut, an' plow through the chop –

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Now Boothbay Ha'bor's comin' into view,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

But there's so many boats, what shall we do?

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

There's summer sloops racin' all round,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

An' there's one off the bow upside down!

When we makes Boothbay, we'll have great fun!

Now we're safely moored at the Eastern Pier,

Shovel in the coal, an' let her run!

So we're off to Skip's for a round of beer!

We've made Boothbay, let's have great fun!

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Note:

This might be the dialogue between the steamboat pilot and his new apprentice.