

# 37. I am the Captain of My Boat

(From the Secular Hymnal)

Words: Secretary Michael

Melody by George Coles, 1883  
SATB Arrangement: Secretary Michael  
(traditional hymn: "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief")

G Em Am D7 G Em Am D7

S  
1. I am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. I  
2. There are e - qual cap - tains, e - qual boats that ne - ver sail and ne - ver float. On

A  
1. I am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. I  
2. There are e - qual cap - tains, e - qual boats that ne - ver sail and ne - ver float. On

T  
1. I am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. I  
2. There are e - qual cap - tains, e - qual boats that ne - ver sail and ne - ver float. On

B  
1. I am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. I  
2. There are e - qual cap - tains, e - qual boats that ne - ver sail and ne - ver float. On

5 G Em Am B7 Em G/D D7 G

S  
am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. With  
stor - my seas with wind and hail the boats get smashed and cap - tains jailed. There are

A  
am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. With  
stor - my seas with wind and hail the boats get smashed and cap - tains jailed. There are

T  
am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. With  
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9 G E7 Am D7 G Em Am D7

S  
 waves so still I'm sel - dom ill. With stars and sun my work gets done. I  
 cap - tains who are just like me who die up - on a vio - lent sea. So

A  
 waves so still I'm sel - dom ill. With stars and sun my works get done. I  
 cap - tains who are just like me who die up - on a vio - lent sea. So

T  
 waves so still I'm sel - dom ill. With stars and sun my work gets done. I  
 cap - tains who are just like me who die up - on a vio - lent sea. So

B  
 waves so still I'm sel - dom ill. With stars and sun my work gets done. I  
 cap - tains who are just like me who die up - on a vio - lent sea. So

13 G Em Am B7 Em G/D D7 G

S  
 am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea.  
 cre - dit not my boat or me but a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. (repeat Verse 1)

A  
 am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea.  
 cre - dit not my boat or me but a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. (repeat Verse 1)

T  
 am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea.  
 cre - dit not my boat or me but a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. (repeat Verse 1)

B  
 am the cap - tain of my boat on a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea.  
 cre - dit not my boat or me but a calm, a calm and peace - ful sea. (repeat Verse 1)

(Note: chord symbols support the soprano melody, not necessarily the SATB harmony)