

Rock About My Saro Jane

from Uncle Dave Macon • 1927

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp). It consists of five staves of music. Chords are indicated by letters above the staff: Bm, D, Bm, D, G, D, Bm, A7, D, G, A7, D, G, D, Bm, A7, D, G, A7, D. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a key signature change from G major to B minor (two sharps) for the first measure, then returns to G major. The second staff has a key signature change from G major to B minor for the last two measures. The third staff has a key signature change from G major to B minor for the first measure, then returns to G major. The fourth staff has a key signature change from G major to B minor for the first measure, then returns to G major. The fifth staff has a key signature change from G major to B minor for the first measure, then returns to G major.

I've got a wife and five lit tle chil dren, Be-lieve I'll make a trip on the big Mac-millan.
Oh, Sa - ro Jane. Oh, there's noth in' to do but to set down and sing, And
rock a-bout my Sa-ro Jane. Oh, rock a-bout my Sa-ro Jane,
Rock a-bout my Sa - ro Jane, Oh, there's noth in' to do but to
set down and sing, And rock a-bout my Sa - ro Jane.

Boiler busted and the whistle done blowed,
The head captain done fell overboard.
Oh, Saro Jane!

Engine gave a crack and the whistle gave a squall,
The engineer gone to the Hole in the Wall.
Oh, Saro Jane!

Yankees built boats for to shoot them rebels,
My musket's loaded and I'm gonna hold her level.
Oh, Saro Jane!