

## SHENANDOAH

American Folk Song, 19th Century

The song appears to have originated with Canadian and American voyageurs or fur traders travelling down the Missouri River in canoes, and has developed several different sets of lyrics. Some lyrics refer to the Oneida chief Shenandoah and a canoe-going trader who wants to marry his daughter. By the mid-19th century versions of the song had become a sea shanty heard or sung by sailors in various parts of the world.

Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you,  
Away you rolling river.  
Oh Shenandoah, I long to see you,  
Away, I'm bound away 'cross the wide Missouri.

Oh Shenandoah, I love your daughter,  
Away, you rolling river.  
For her I'd cross your roaming waters,  
Away, I'm bound away 'cross the wide Missouri.

'Tis seven long years since last I saw you.  
Away, you rolling river.  
'Tis seven long years since last I saw you.  
Away, I'm bound away 'cross the wide Missouri.

Oh, Shenandoah, I long to hear you.  
Away, you rolling river.  
Oh Shenandoah, I long to hear you.  
Away, I'm bound away 'cross the wide Missouri.