

# THE SHIP SONG

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♩ = 68



The first system of music features a guitar part with five chords: G, D, C, G, and D. The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time, with a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note pattern: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G.



*Chorus 1: Come sail your ships  
(Chorus 2 see block lyric)*

a-round me and burn your

The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The bass line continues with the eighth-note pattern.

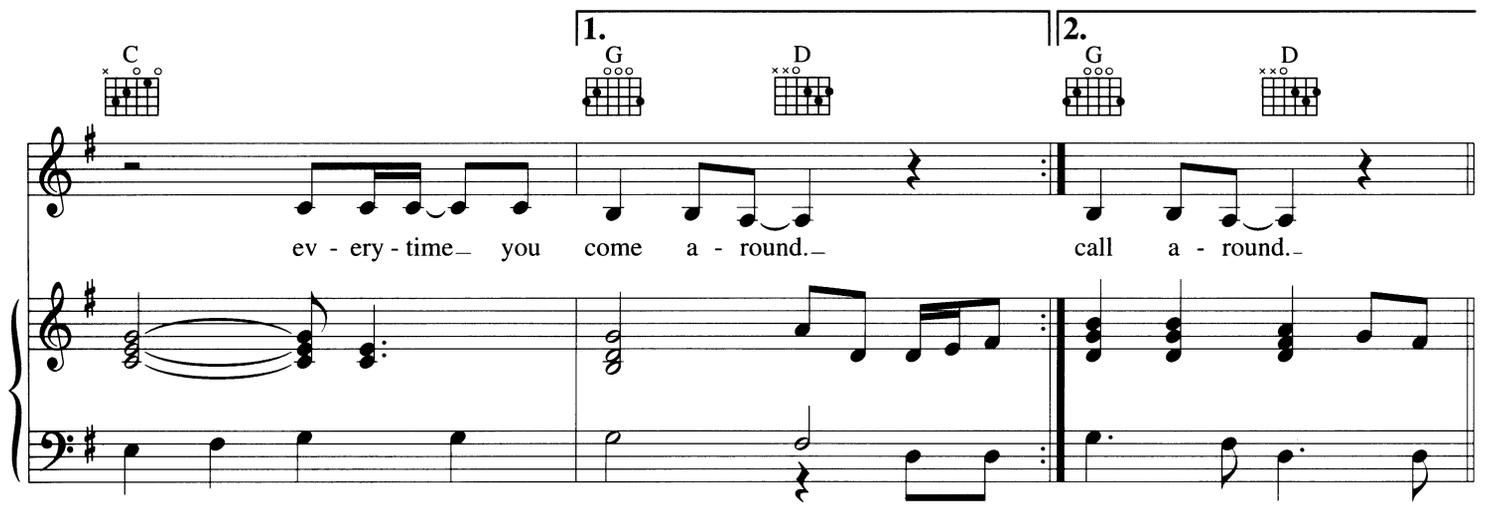


brid - ges down. - We make a lit-tle his-tory ba - by

The third system continues the piano accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef has a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The bass line continues with the eighth-note pattern.

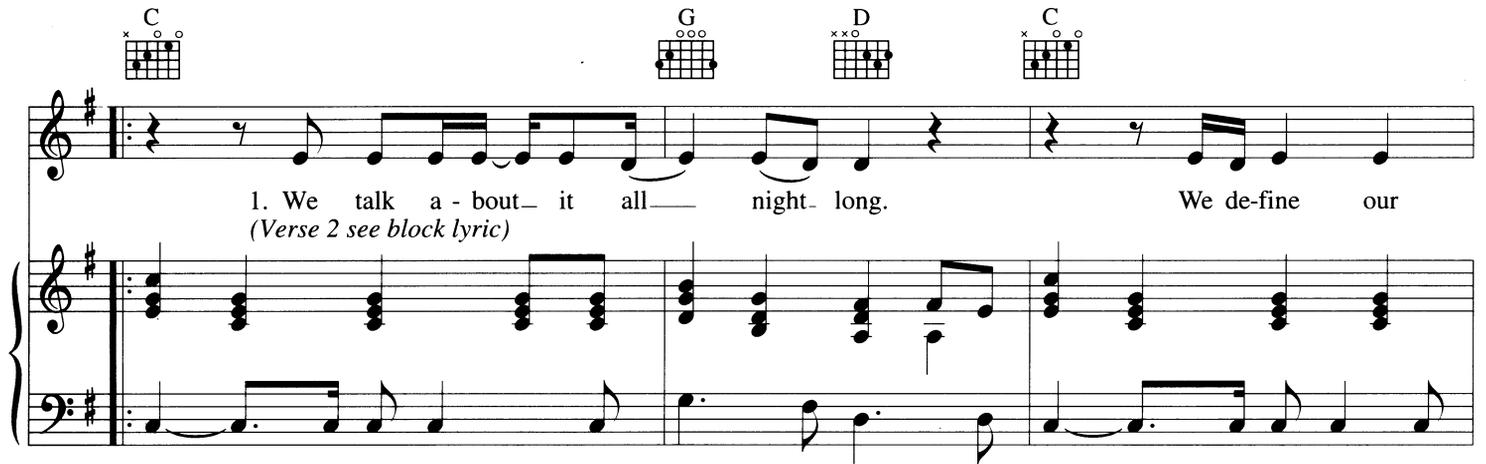
1.    2.  

ev - ery - time - you come a - round. - call a - round. -



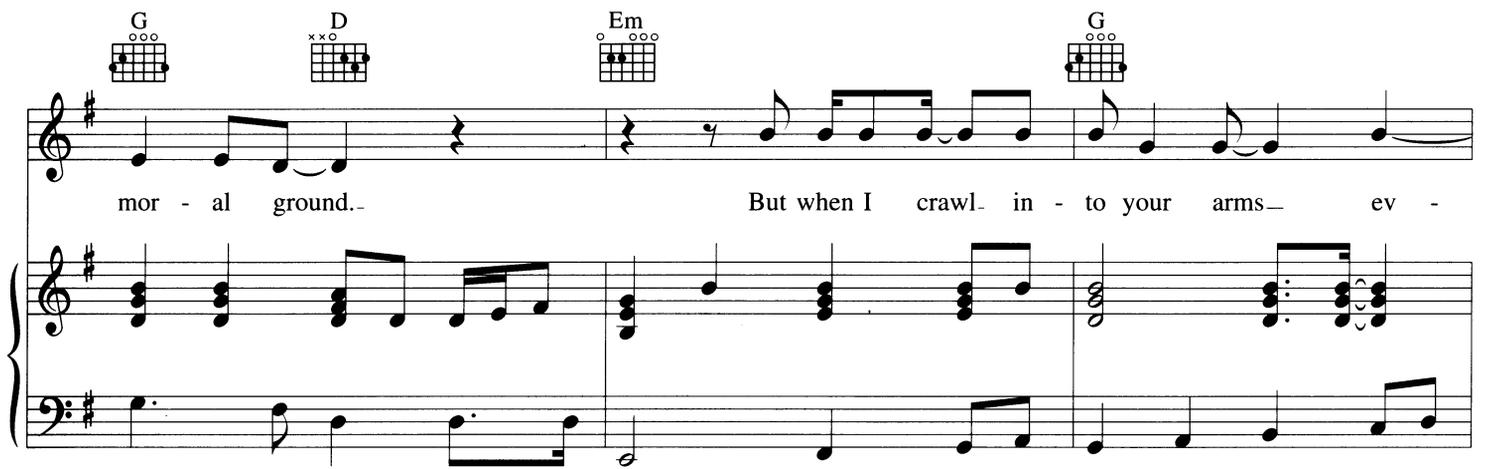
   

1. We talk a - bout - it all - night - long. We de - fine our  
(Verse 2 see block lyric)



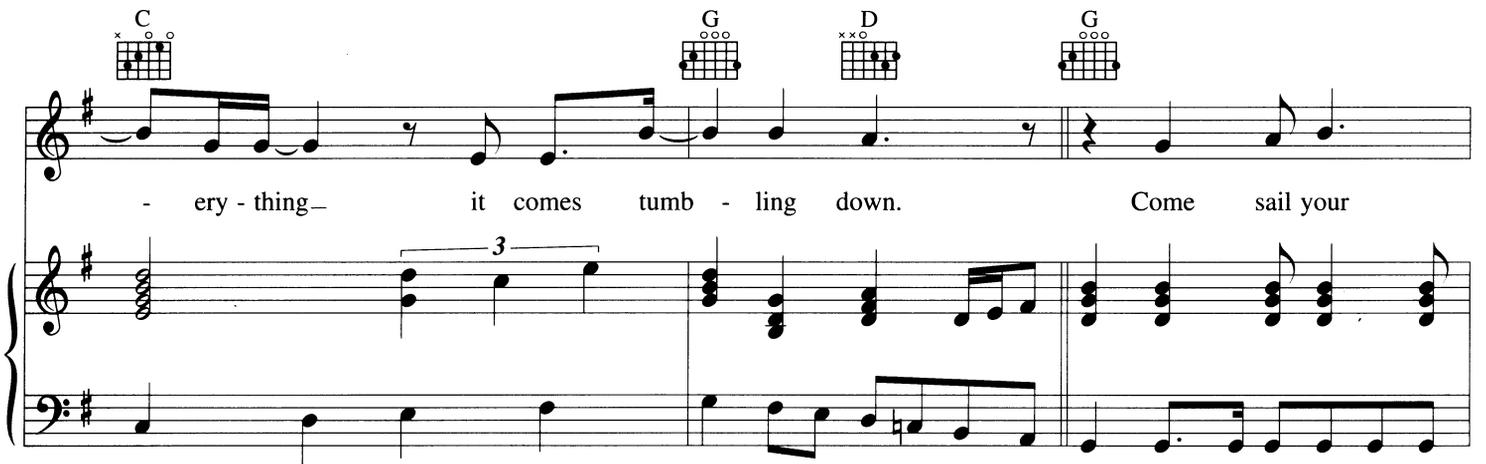
   

mor - al ground. - But when I crawl - in - to your arms - ev -



- ery - thing - it comes tumb - ling down. Come sail your



Dsus4

D

C

G

Dsus4

D



ships

a-round me

and burn your

brid-ges

down.-

G

Dsus4

D

C



We'll make a

lit-tle his-tory

ba-by,

ev-ery-time

you

G

Dsus4

D

G

Dsus4

D



come a-round.-

Come loose your

dogs

up-on me

2° Chorus

C

G

Dsus4

D

G



and let your

hair hang down.-

You are a lit-tle

mys-tery to me ev-ery-time you call a - round.

*Repeat to fade*

*Vibes*

*Chorus 2:*

Come loose your dogs upon me  
 And let your hair hang down  
 You are a little mystery to me  
 Every time you call around.

*Verse 2:*

Your face has fallen sad now  
 'Fore you know the time is nigh  
 When I must remove your wings  
 And you, you must try to fly.

Come sail your ships *etc.*