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The Old Ship of Zion

Slave Songs of the U. S., 1867

1. Don't you see that ship a - sail - ing, a - sail - ing, a -
2. Oh, that ship is heav - y lad - en, heavy lad - en, heavy
3. She is sail ing on to free dom, to free dom, to

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sail-ing, Don't you see that ship a - sail-ing, Go-ing over to the Promised Land.
lad - en, Oh, that ship is heav-y lad-en, Go-ing over to the Promised Land.
freedom, She is sail ing on to freedom, Go ing over to the Promised Land.

9 Refrain

I asked my Lord, shall I ev - er be the one, Shall I

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ev-er be the one, Shall I ev-er be the one, To go sail - ing, sail - ing,

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sail - ing, sail-ing, Go-ing ov - er - to the Pro - mised Land.