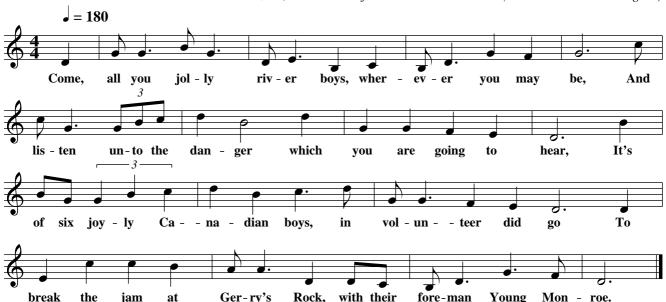
## Jam at Gerrys Rock

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- Come, all you jolly river boys, wherever you may be
  And listen unto the danger which you are going to hear.
  It's of six Jolly Canadian boys, in volunteer did go
  To break the jam at Gerry's Rock, with their foreman, Young Monroe.
- 2. Twas on one Sunday morning all on the fourth of May, Our logs were piled to mountains high, we cound not keep the way; "Turn out, turn out!" our foreman cried, relieving of all fear, "We'll break the jam at Gerry's rock, for Saginaw we'll steer."
- 3. Some of the boys were willing to go, while others, they hung back: To work upon a Sunday, they did not think it right, When six of our Canadian boys did vulunteer and go To break the jam at Gerry's Rock with the foreman Young Monroe.
- 4. They had not rolled off many logs when the boss to them did say, "I would have you be upon your guard, this jam will soon give way." These words had scarce been spoken when the jam did break and go, It carried away those six brave youths and their foreman, Young Monroe.
- 5. Now when the rest of those shanty boys came to their sad news to hear, In search of their dead bodies to the river they did steer, In search of their dead bodies to the river they did go; All buried and mangled on the beach lay the head of Young Monroe.
- 6. They picked him from a watery grave, smoothed down his watery hair; There was one fair maid among them whose cries might rend the air, There was one fair maid among them, just down from Saginaw Town, Whose moans and signs might rend the skies, for the true love that was drowned.