

French — Partons! la Mer est Belle! Let's Go, the Sea is Beautiful!

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*This is the refrain from a traditional Acadian ballad about herring fishermen.
The complete words and tune are included in the book Chansons Douces,
Chansons Tendres.*

Partons, la Mer est Belle!

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Embarquons-nous pêcheurs!
Guidons notre nacelle
Ramons avec ardeur!
Aux mâts, hissons les voiles
Le ciel est pur et beau!
Je vois briller l'étoile
Qui guide les matelots!

Let's Go, the Sea is Beautiful!

Let's go, the sea is beautiful!
Fishermen, let's set off!
Let's guide our skiff
Let's row hard!
Let's hoist the sails up the mast
The sky is clear and beautiful!
I see the shining star
That guides our sailors!

About French

French is one of Canada's two official languages. Varieties of French are spoken in Quebec and by people of Acadian and Métis heritage. Did you know that mitten (*mitaine*) and mountain (*montaigne*) are words English has adopted from French?