

The Mingulay Boat Song



Time signature: 3/4 time

Intro: A7 D D D (x2)

Chorus:

A7 D
Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys,
Em D G
Bring her head round, into the weather,
A7 D
Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys,
Em A D D D
Sailing homeward to Mingulay.

A7 D A D
What care we how white the Minch is,
A7 D Em A
What care we for wind or weather,
A7 D A D
When we know that every inch is
A D D D
Sailing homeward to Mingulay.

Chorus:

A7 D A D
When the wind is wild and shouting,
A7 D Em A
And the waves mount ever higher,
A7 D A D
Anxious eyes turn ever seaward
A D D D
To see us homeward to Mingulay

Chorus:

A7 D A D
Wives are waiting on the pier head, or
A7 D Em A
Gazing seaward from the heather,
A7 D A D
Pull her round boys, and we'll anchor,
A D D D
'Ere the sun sets on Mingulay.

Chorus:

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Em D G
Bring her head round, into the weather,
A7 D
Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys,
Em A D D D
Sailing homeward to Mingulay.
A7 D
Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys,
Em D G
Bring her head round, into the weather,
A7 D
Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys,
Em A D
Sailing homeward to Mingulay,
Em A D D D↓
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