

# Mingulay Boat Song

*Traditional Celtic*

**Chorus:**     Heel ya ho, boys, let 'er go, boys,  
                  Swing her head round, all together  
                  Heel ya ho, boys, let 'er go, boys,  
                  Sailing homeward to Mingulay.

**Repeat chorus with audience**

**Men:**        What care we how white the Minch is,  
                  What care we for wind or weather?  
                  For we know that every inch is  
                  Sailing closer to Mingulay.

**Chorus:**

**Men:**        Wives are waiting on the banks, or,  
                  Gazing seaward from the heather;  
                  Heave her 'round, boys, then we'll anchor,  
                  Ere the sun sets on Mingulay.

**Chorus:**

**Women:**    When the wind is wild with shouting  
                  And the waves mount ever higher  
                  Anxious eyes turn ever seaward  
                  To see you home boys to Mingulay

**Chorus:**

**All:**         Far behind us, hills of Quinlon,  
                  Soon before us hills of heather;  
                  And you know, boys candles glow boys,  
                  In the windows of Mingulay

**Chorus:**

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