

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:

Chorus: **a cappella, repeat and fade gradually softer to silence**