

# 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**