

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