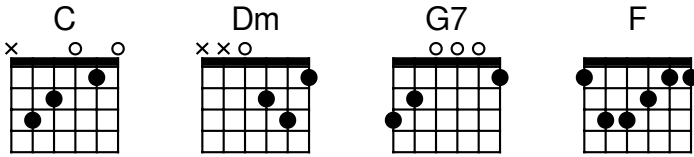


# Mingulay Boat Song

w. Hugh S. Robertson 1938    m.Traditional Gaelic



Instrumental last line Chorus:

[C] Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay

Chorus:

[C] Heave her ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Swing her [Dm] head round into the [F] weather  
[G7] Heave her [C] ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay

Verse 1:

[C] What care we though [Dm] white the [C] Minch is?  
What care we, boys, for [G7] windy weather  
When we [C] know that [Dm] every [C] inch is  
Sailin' home[G7] ward to Mingu[C] lay

Chorus:

[C] Heave her ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Swing her [Dm] head round into the [F] weather  
[G7] Heave her [C] ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay

Verse 2:

[C] Wives are waiting [Dm] by the [C] pier-head  
Gazing seaward [G7] from the heather  
Bring a[C] round, boys, [Dm] then we'll [C] anchor  
'Ere the sun [G7] sets on Mingu[C] lay

Chorus:

[C] Heave her ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Swing her [Dm] head round into the [F] weather  
[G7] Heave her [C] ho, boys; Let her go, boys

Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay

Instrumental Chorus:

[C] Heave her ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Swing her [Dm] head round into the [F] weather  
[G7] Heave her [C] ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay

Verse 3:

[C] Ships return now, [Dm] heavy [C] laden  
Mothers holdin' [G7] bairns a- cryin'  
They'll re[C] turn, yet, [Dm] when the [C] sun sets  
Sailing home[G7] ward to Mingu[C] lay.

Chorus:

[C] Heave her ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Swing her [Dm] head round into the [F] weather  
[G7] Heave her [C] ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay

Verse 4:

[C] When the wind is [Dm] wild with [C] shouting  
And the waves mount [G7] ever higher  
Anxious [C] eyes turn [Dm] ever [C] seaward  
To see us home, [G7] boys, to Mingu[C] lay

Chorus:

[C] Heave her ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Swing her [Dm] head round into the [F] weather  
[G7] Heave her [C] ho, boys; Let her go, boys  
Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay

Instrumental Outro-last line Chorus:

[C] Sailin' [Dm] homeward to [G7] Mingu[C] lay