Skye Boat Song

Traditional Scottish













Chorus:

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[C] Over the [F] sea to [C] Skye.

Verse 1:

[Am] Loud the winds howl, [Dm] loud the waves roar,

[Am] Thunderclaps [F] rend the [Am] air;

[Am] Baffled, our foes [Dm] stand by the shore,

[Am] Follow they [F] will not [Am] dare. [G7]

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Verse 2:

[Am] Though the waves leap, [Dm] soft shall ye sleep,

[Am] Ocean's a [F] royal [Am] bed.

[Am] Rocked in the deep, [Dm] Flora will keep

[Am] Watch by your [F] weary [Am] head. [G7]

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Verse 4:

[Am] Burned are their homes, [Dm] exile and death

[Am] Scatter the [F] loyal [Am] men;

[Am] Yet ere the sword [Dm] cool in the sheath

[Am] Charlie will [F] come a-[Am]-gain. [G7]

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