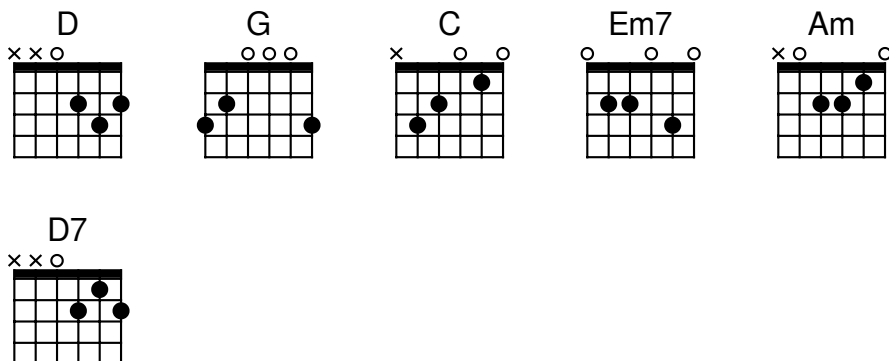


# Ten Thousand Miles Away trad. Irish (ship docks version)

(Lyrics attributed to Joseph Bryan Geoghegan 1816-1889)



## Verse 1:

[D] Sing [G] Ho! for a brave and a gallant ship,  
 And a fast and fav'rin [C] breeze,  
 A [G] bully crew and a [Em7] Captain too,  
 to [Am] carry me over the [D7] seas,  
 To [G] carry me over the seas, me boys, To me true love far a-[C]-way,  
 She has [G] taken a trip on a [Em7] government [G] ship  
 Ten [D] thousand miles a-[G]-way.

## Chorus:

[G] So blow ye winds, Heigh-ho; An' a-roving I will [Am] go,  
 I'll [G] stay no more on [Em7] England's shore,  
 to [Am] hear sweet music [G] play-[D7]-ay-ay!  
 For I'm [G] on the morning train, and I won't be back a-[C]-gain  
 For I'm [G] on the move to me [Em7] own true [Am] love,  
 Ten thousand [G] miles [D] a-[G]-way.

## Verse 2:

[D] Me [G] true love, she is beautiful, Me true love she is [C] gay;  
 But she's [G] taken a trip on a [Em7] government ship,  
 bound [Am] out to Botany [D7] Bay.  
 Bound [G] out to Botany Bay me boys. As the big ship sailed a-[C]-way,  
 "A-[G]-dieu," said she, "Re-[Em7]-member [G] me,  
 Ten [D] thousand miles a-[G]-way.

## Chorus:

[G] So blow ye winds, Heigh-ho; An' a-roving I will [Am] go,  
I'll [G] stay no more on [Em7] England's shore,  
to [Am] hear sweet music [G] play-[D7]-ay-ay!  
For I'm [G] on the morning train, and I won't be back a-[C]-gain  
For I'm [G] on the move to me [Em7] own true [Am] love,  
Ten thousand [G] miles [D] a-[G]-way.

#### Verse 3:

[D] Oh! [G] dark and dismal was the day When last I saw me [C] Meg.  
She'd a [G] government band a-[Em7]-round each hand  
and a-[Am] -nother one 'round her [D7] leg  
And a-[G]-nother one 'round her leg, me boys, As the big ship left the [C] bay  
And I [G] swore I would be [Em7] true to [G] her,  
Ten [D] thousand miles a-[G]-way."

#### Instrumental Chorus:

[G] So blow ye winds, Heigh-ho; An' a-roving I will [Am] go,  
I'll [G] stay no more on [Em7] England's shore,  
to [Am] hear sweet music [G] play-[D7]-ay-ay!  
For I'm [G] on the morning train, and I won't be back a-[C]-gain  
For I'm [G] on the move to me [Em7] own true [Am] love,  
Ten thousand [G] miles [D] a-[G]-way.

#### Verse 4:

[D] Oh! if [G] I could be but a boson bold, Or even a bomba-[C]-dier,  
I'd [G] hire a boat and a-[Em7]-way I'd float,  
and [Am] straight to me true love [D7] steer  
And [G] straight to me true love steer, me boys,  
Where the dancing dolphins [C] play,  
And the [G] whales and the sharks have [Em7] all their [G] larks,  
Ten [D] thousand miles a-[G]-way.

#### Chorus:

[G] So blow ye winds, Heigh-ho; An' a-roving I will [Am] go,  
I'll [G] stay no more on [Em7] England's shore,  
to [Am] hear sweet music [G] play-[D7]-ay-ay!  
For I'm [G] on the morning train, and I won't be back a-[C]-gain  
For I'm [G] on the move to me [Em7] own true [Am] love,  
Ten thousand [G] miles [D] a-[G]-way.

### Verse 5:

[D] Oh! [G] the sun may shine through the London fog  
or the river run quite [C] clear,  
The [G] ocean brine turn [Em7] into wine,  
or [Am] I'll forget me [D7] beer – Oh no!  
Or [G] I'll forget me beer, me lads, or the landlord's quarter [C] pay;  
But I [G] won't forget me [Em7] own true [G] Meg,  
Ten [D] thousand miles a-[G]-way!

### Chorus:

[G] So blow ye winds, Heigh-ho; An' a-roving I will [Am] go,  
I'll [G] stay no more on [Em7] England's shore,  
to [Am] hear sweet music [G] play-[D7]-ay-ay!  
For I'm [G] on the morning train, and I won't be back a-[C]-gain  
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