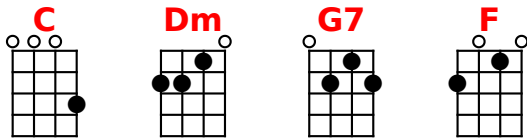


# Mingulay Boat Song

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:

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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