

The Mingulay Boat Song

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 9/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: D, A7, G, D, A7, G, D, A7, G, D. Measure numbers 5, 10, and 14 are indicated on the left side of the staff.

5 Heel ya ho, boys, let her go, boys Heave her head round in-to_ the wea - ther Heel ya
D A7 G D

10 ho, boys, let her go, boys Sail-ing home-ward to Min - gu - lay What care
D A7 G

14 we though white the spray is What care we for the wind and wea - ther Heel ya
D A G D

ho, boys, let her go, boys Sail-ing home - ward to Min - gu - lay

What care we though white the spray is
What care we for the wind and weather
Heel ya ho, boys, let her go, boys
Sailing homeward to Mingulay

Wives are waiting by the pierhead
Or looking seaward from the heather
Heave her round boys and we'll anchor
Ere the sun sets on Mingulay