

Mingulay Boat Song

tune: traditional
words: Hugh Robertson/Mary McCann

Chorus:

Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys, Bring her
head round and all to - ge - ther. Heel ya ho, boys, let her
go, boys, Sail - ing home - ward to Min - gu - lay.

Verse:

What care we though white the Minch is, What care
we for wind or wea - ther? Heel ya ho, boys, let her
go boys, Sail - ing home - ward to Min - gu - lay

Chords: D, Bm, A, G, D, Bm, A, D, G, (A), Bm, A, D

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Chorus:

Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys
Bring her head round and all together
Heel ya ho boys, let her go boys
Sailing homeward to Mingulay

What care ye though white the Minch is
What care we for wind or weather
Heel ya ho boys every inch is
Sailing homeward to Mingulay

(Chorus)

Oh we set out in the dawning
As the sun rose across the bay
Oh we set out in the dawning
Sailing far, far from Mingulay

(Chorus)

We've got mackerel, we've got herring
Feed the bairns for another day
We've got mackerel, we've got herring
Sailing homeward to Mingulay

(Chorus)

Wives are waiting by the harbour
They've been waiting since break of day
Wives are waiting by the harbour
As the sun sets on Mingulay

(Chorus)

The original song was composed by Hugh Robertson using a traditional tune, and appeared in his "Songs of the Isles" (1938). Our version has altered/added some words and uses a variation of the tune.