

Mingulay Boat Song

Sea Shanty from the Hebrides

Chorus:

C
Heave her Ho boys let her go boys
G F
Swing her head round into the weather
C
Heave her Ho boys, let her go boys
F C
Sailing homewards to Mingulay

What care we though white the Minch is
What care we boys for wind and weather
When we know that every inch is
Sailing homewards to Mingulay
Heave her Ho boys ...

Wives are waiting by the pier side
Looking seawards cross the heather
Swing her head round and we'll anchor
Were the sun sets on Mingulay
Heave her Ho boys ...



When the wind is wild and shouting
And the waves mount even higher
Anxious eyes turn ever seawards
To see us home boys to Mingulay
Heave her Ho boys ...

Ships return now, heavy laden
Mothers holding babies crying
They'll return yet, when the sun sets
Sailing homewards to Mingulay
Heave her Ho boys ...
Heave her Ho boys ...