Skye Boat Song
(Jacobite)

Sir Harold Boulton, 1884 (Scotland)

Chorus
G Am D7 G C G

Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the wing, On-ward the sail-ors cry;
Car-ry the lad that’s born to be King, Ov-er the sea to Skye.

Verses
D7 Em Am Em
1. Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar, 1. Thun-der-clouds
2. Though the waves leap, soft shall ye sleep, 2. O-cean’s a
3. Rocked in the deep, Flor-a will keep 2. Watch by your
4. When the night came, si-lent-ly lay 3. Dead in Cul-
5. Burned are their homes, exile and death 4. Scat-ter the
6. Yet e’er the sword cool in the sheath 4. Char-lie will

D

DUL A

D 0 1 0 3 3 5 4 7 5 4 5 1 1 0

D

DUL A

A 3 4 3 6 6 7 8 7 10 8 7 8 4 4 3

D7 Em Am Em

1. Baf-fled, our foes stand by the shore, 1. Fol-low they
2. Though our foes stand by the shore, 2. Fol-low they
3. Many’s the lad fought on that day, 3. Well the clay-
4. Many’s the lad fought on that day, 4. Well the clay-
5. Watch by your heart the night shall come, 5. Watch by your
6. Watch by your heart the night shall come, 6. Watch by your

D

DUL A

D 5 3 5 5 4 1 4 4 3 1 3

D

DUL A

A 8 6 8 8 7 4 7 7 6 4 6
rend the air; Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the
will not dare. Car-ry the lad that’s born to be
roy-al bed.
wear-y head.
more could wield,
lo-den’s field.
loy-al men;
come a-gain.

D

DUL A

D 3 3 1 2 1 0 1 0 3 3 4 5 4
D

DUL A

A 6 6 4 5 4 3 4 3 6 6 7 8 7

D7 G

[1 C G D7][2 C D G]

wing, On-ward The sail-or’s cry; sea to Skye.
Kind, Ov-er the

D

DUL A

D 7 5 4 5 1 1 0 1 2 3
D

DUL A

A 10 8 7 8 4 4 3 4 5 6