

Mingulay Boat Song

[Chorus]

Heave her ho, boys

Let her go, boys

Swing her head round into the weather

Heave her ho, boys

Let her go, boys

Sailin' homeward to Mingulay

What care we though

White the Minch is

What care we boys for windy weather

When we know that every inch is sailin' homeward to Mingulay

[Chorus]

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Wives are waiting by the pier-head

Gazing seaward from the heather

Bring her round, boys

Then we'll anchor, ere the sun sets on Mingulay

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**Ships return now, heavy-laden
Mother's holdin', bairns are cryin'
They'll return yet, when the sun sets
Sailin' homeward to Mingulay**

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