Skye Boat Song



(Sir Harold Boulton, 1884)

Speed bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing, Onward, the sailors cry Carry the lad that's born to be king Over the sea to skye

Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar, Thunder clouds rend the air; Baffled our foe's stand on the shore Follow they will not dare

(UNISON)

Though the waves leap, soft shall ye sleep Ocean's a royal bed Rocked in the deep, Flora will keep Watch by your weary head

Many's the lad fought on that day Well the claymore could wield When the night came, silently lay Dead on Culloden's field

(UNISON)

Burned are our homes, exile and death Scatter the loyal men Yet, e'er the sword cool in the sheath, Charlie will come again.