# Skye Boat Song

Lyrics: Sir Harold Boulder, Music: an air collected by Anne Campbell MacLeod

(First published 1884)

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 **|[C] |[Am] |[Dm7] |[G7] |**

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**[C]** Speed bonnie **[Am]** boat, like a **[Dm7]** bird on the **[G7]** wing

**[C]** "Onward!" the **[F]** sailors **[C]** cry **[G7]**

**[C]** Carry the **[Am]** lad that’s **[Dm7]** born to be **[G7]** King

**[C]** Over the **[F]** sea to **[C]** Skye **[C]**

**[Am]** Loud the winds howl **[Dm]** loud the waves roar

**[Am]** Thunderclaps **[F]** rend the **[Am]** air **[Am]**

**[Am]** Baffled our foes **[Dm]** stand by the shore

**[Am]** Follow they **[F]** will not **[Am]** dare **[G7]**

**[C]** Speed bonnie **[Am]** boat, like a **[Dm7]** bird on the **[G7]** wing

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**[C]** Carry the **[Am]** lad that’s **[Dm7]** born to be **[G7]** King

**[C]** Over the **[F]** sea to **[C]** Skye **[C]**

**[Am]** Though the waves leap **[Dm]** soft shall ye sleep

**[Am]** Ocean’s a **[F]** royal **[Am]** bed **[Am]**

**[Am]** Rocked in the deep **[Dm]** Flora will keep

**[Am]** Watch by your **[F]** weary **[Am]** head **[G7]**

**[C]** Speed bonnie **[Am]** boat like a **[Dm7]** bird on the **[G7]** wing

**[C]** "Onward!" the **[F]** sailors **[C]** cry **[G7]**

**[C]** Carry the **[Am]** lad that’s **[Dm7]** born to be **[G7]** King

**[C]** Over the **[F]** sea to **[C]** Skye **[C]**

**[Am]** Many’s the lad **[Dm]** fought on that day

**[Am]** Well the clay-**[F]**more could **[Am]** wield **[Am]**

**[Am]** When the night came **[Dm]** silently lay

**[Am]** Dead on **[F]** Culloden’s **[Am]** field **[G7]**

**[C]** Speed bonnie **[Am]** boat like a **[Dm7]** bird on the **[G7]** wing

**[C]** "Onward!" the **[F]** sailors **[C]** cry **[G7]**

**[C]** Carry the **[Am]** lad that’s **[Dm7]** born to be **[G7]** King

**[C]** Over the **[F]** sea to **[C]** Skye **[C]**

**[Am]** Burned are our homes **[Dm]** exile and death

**[Am]** Scatter the **[F]** loyal **[Am]** men **[Am]**

**[Am]** Yet e’er the sword **[Dm]** cool in the sheath

**[Am]** Charlie will **[F]** come **[Am]** again **[G7]**

**[C]** Speed bonnie **[Am]** boat, like a **[Dm7]** bird on the **[G7]** wing

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