

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection



The Skye Boat Song 2 (with double stops)

song air

Musical score for mandolin in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin staff. Chord progressions are indicated above the treble staff. The mandolin staff shows fret numbers for the strings (A, B).

System 1: G G Am D Em C D D

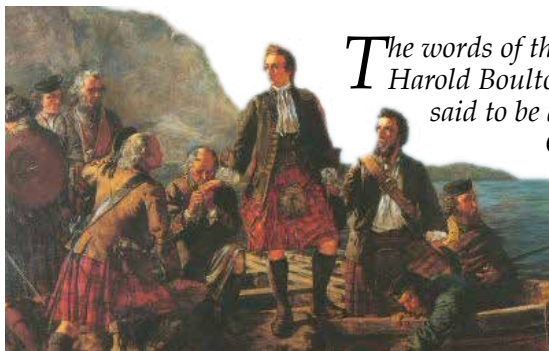
System 2: G G Am Am C C Em Em

System 3: G G Am Am C C Em D

System 4: G G Am D Em C D D

Chord diagrams for G, Am, D, Em, and C.

- G:** 1st fret, 2nd string; 2nd fret, 3rd string.
- Am:** 1st fret, 1st string; 2nd fret, 2nd string; 3rd fret, 4th string.
- D:** 1st fret, 2nd string; 2nd fret, 3rd string; 3rd fret, 4th string.
- Em:** 2nd fret, 2nd string; 2nd fret, 3rd string.
- C:** 1st fret, 1st string; 2nd fret, 2nd string.



The words of this popular song were written by Sir Harold Boulton in 1884. The first half of the tune is said to be an old sea shanty.

Charles Edward Stewart, the Young Pretender, or Bonnie Prince Charlie, was defeated by the Duke of Cumberland at Culloden in 1746. Aided by Flora MacDonald, Charles escaped to the island of Skye. The song commemorates his flight.