

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection



The Skye Boat Song (Boulton)

G G Am D Em C

D D G G Am Am

C C Em Em

G G Am Am

C C Em D G G

Am D Em C D D



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 - Bonnie Prince Charlie - was defeated by the Duke of Cumberland at Culloden in 1746. Aided by Flora MacDonald, he escaped to the island of Skye. The song commemorates his flight.

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