

SKYE BOAT SONG - Sir Harold Boulton, 2nd Baronet (1870s)

CHORUS: **C** **Am** **F** **G**
Speed, bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing,
C **F** **C - G**
Onward! the sailors cry;
C **Am** **F** **G**
Carry the lad that's born to be King
C **F** **C**
Over the sea to Skye.

Am **Dm**
V1 Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar,
Am
Thunderclaps rend the air;
Am **Dm**
Baffled, our foes, stand by the shore,
Am **G7**
Follow they will not dare. + **CHORUS**

Am **Dm**
V2 Though the waves leap, soft shall ye sleep,
Am
Ocean's a royal bed.
Am **Dm**
Rocked in the deep, Flora will keep
Am **G7**
Watch by your weary head. + **CHORUS.**

Am **Dm**
V3 Many's the bairn, fought on that day,
Am
Well the claymore could wield,
Am **Dm**
When the night came, silently lay
Am **G7**
Dead in Culloden's field. + **CHORUS**

Am **Dm**
V4 Burned are their homes, exile and death
Am
Scatter the loyal men;
Am **Dm**
Yet e'er the sword, cool in the sheath
Am **G7**
Charlie will come again. + **CHORUS**