

*for Ella Short and Tenebrae Choir*

# Skye Boat Song

for Soprano and Tenor Solo and S.A.T.B.B. voices, a cappella

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH  
"Cuachag nan Craobh"

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Arranged by  
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**Gently rowing** (♩.=50-56)

SOLO

SOPRANO  
Hey hoe row hoe, hey row hoe,

ALTO  
Hey hoe row hoe, hey row hoe, \_\_\_\_\_

TENOR  
Hey hoe row hoe, Hey hoe row hoe,

BASS 1  
Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row hoe, \_\_\_\_\_

BASS 2  
Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row hoe,

PIANO  
*(for rehearsal only)*  
**Gently rowing** (♩.=50-56)

\* Hey (heɪ) hoe (həʊ) row (rəʊ) hoe (həʊ) hey (heɪ) row (rəʊ) hoe (həʊ)

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**A** Plenty of 'H' - bring early!

*mp* TENOR SOLO

Solo

Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the wing, 'On-ward!' the sail - ors

S *P*  
Hey hoe row hoe, hey row

A *P*  
Hey hoe row hoe, hey row

T *P* >  
Hey hoe row hoe, Hey hoe

B1 *P*  
Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

B2 *P*  
Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

**A**

Solo

cry; Car - ry the lad that's born to be King o'er the sea to

S  
hoe, hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

A  
hoe, — hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

T  
row hoe, Hey hoe row hoe! Hey row

B1  
hoe, — hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

B2  
hoe, hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

**A**

**B**

*p* SOLO SOPRANO

12

Solo Skye. Speed bon-nie boat, Oh, Speed bon-nie boat,

S to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

A to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

T to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

B1 to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

B2 Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

**B**

**C**

*mf*

15

Solo Speed bon-nie boat, Oh, Speed bon-nie boat, Loud the winds howl,

S Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, winds howl,

A Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, winds howl,

T Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, Hey hoe

B1 Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, winds howl,

B2 Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, winds howl,

18

Solo *f*  
loud the waves roar, Thun - der-clouds rend the air;

S *f*  
waves roar, Thun - der-clouds rend the air;

A *f*  
waves roar, Thun - der-clouds rend the air;

T *f*  
row hoe, Hey hoe row hoe,

B1 *f*  
waves roar, Thun - der-clouds rend the air; hoe,

B2 *f*  
waves roar, Thun - der-clouds rend the air;

21

Solo  
Baffl - ed our foes, stand by the shore, Fol - low they will not dare,

S  
Stand by the shore, Fol - low they will not dare,

A  
Stand by the shore, They will not dare,

T *f*  
Hey hoe row hoe, Hey hoe row hoe,

B1  
Stand by the shore, They will not dare,

B2  
Stand by the shore, They will not dare,

**D**

*mf* TENOR SOLO

Solo *mf* Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the wing, 'On - ward' the sail - ors

S Hey hoe row hoe, *mf* Speed, bon - nie boat, like a

A Hey hoe row *mf* Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the

T *mf* Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the wing, sail - ors

B1 *mf* Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the wing,

B2 *mf* Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, sail - ors

**D**

Solo <sup>28</sup> *mf* cry; Car - ry the lad that's born to be King o'er\_ the sea to

S *mf* bird on the wing, Hey hoe born to be King Hey row

A *mf* wing, Hey hoe born to be King Hey row

T *mf* cry; Hey hoe row hoe! Hey row

B1 *mf* bird on the wing, Hey hoe born to be King Hey row

B2 *mf* cry; Hey hoe born to be King Hey row

<sup>28</sup>

32 **E** *p* SOLO SOPRANO

Solo Skye. Speed bon-nie boat, Oh, Speed bon-nie boat,

S to Skye, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat,

A to Skye, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat,

T to Skye, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat,

B1 to Skye, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat,

B2 Skye, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat,

32 **E**

35 *poco rit.* **F** *a tempo*

Solo Speed bon-nie boat, Oh, Speed bon-nie boat, Though the waves leap,

S *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Oo,

A *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Oo,

T *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* (*didgeridoo!*)

B1 *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* (*didgeridoo!*)

B2 *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* Bon - nie boat, *p* (*didgeridoo!*)

35 *poco rit.* **F** *a tempo*

38

Solo soft shall ye sleep, Oc - ean's a Roy - al bed. Rock'd in the deep,

S *mp* Rock'd in

A *mp* Rock'd in

T *mp* Hey hoe

B1 *mp* Rock'd in

B2 *mp* Rock'd in

42

Solo Flo - ra will keep watch by your wear - y head,

S the deep, watch by your wear - y head,

A the deep, watch by your wear - y head,

T row hoe, Hey hoe row hoe,

B1 the deep, watch by your wear - y head,

B2 the deep, watch by your wear - y head,

**G** TENOR SOLO

Solo  Speed, bon-nie boat, like a bird on the wing, 'On-ward!' the sail - ors

S  Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

A  Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

T  Hey hoe row hoe, Hey hoe

B1  Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

B2  Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

**G** 

Solo  cry; Car - ry the lad that's born to be King o'er the sea to

S  hoe, Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

A  hoe, Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

T  row hoe, Hey hoe row hoe! Hey row

B1  hoe, Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row

B2  hoe, Hey hoe row hoe, Hey row





**H**

*p* SOLO SOPRANO

52

Solo Skye. Speed bon-nie boat, Oh, Speed bon-nie boat,

S to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

A to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

T to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

B1 to Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

B2 Skye, Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

**H**

**I** Darker  
*mf* TENOR SOLO

55

Solo Speed bon-nie boat, Oh, Speed bon-nie boat, Man - y's a lad

S Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat,

A Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, Man - y's a lad

T Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, Man - y's a lad

B1 Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, Man - y's a lad

B2 Bon - nie boat, Bon - nie boat, Man - y's a lad

**I** Darker

55