



Skye Boat Song (Key C) - Circa 1870s

artist - The Corries, writer - Sir Harold Boulton

Strumming Pattern - **Down, Down Up, Down Up** Time signature - **3/4**
Introduction - **Play harmonica while strumming the chorus**

Chorus

[G] Speed bonnie [Em] boat like a [D] bird on the wing,
[G] Onward the [Am] sailors [G] cry,
[G] Carry the [Em] bairn that's [D] born to be king,
[G] Over the [Am] sea to [G] Skye.

[Em] Loud the wind howls, [Am] loud the waves roar,
[Em] Thunderclaps [C] rend the [Em] air,
[Em] Baffled, our foes [Am] stand by the shore,
[Em] Follow they [Am7] will not [Em] dare. [D7]

Chorus

[Em] Though the waves heave, [Am] soft shall ye sleep,
[Em] Ocean's a [C] royal [Em] bed,
[Em] Rocked in the deep, [Am] Flora will keep,
[Em] Watch by your [Am7] weary [Em] head. [D7]

Chorus

[Em] Many's the bairn, [Am] fought on that day,
[Em] Well the clay-[C]more could [Em] wield,
[Em] When the night came, [Am] silently lain,
[Em] Dead on Coll-[Am7]oden [Em] field. [D7]

Chorus

[Em] Burned are their homes, [Am] exile and death,
[Em] Scatter the [C] loyal [Em] men,
[Em] Yet e'er the sword [Am] cool in the sheath,
[Em] Charlie will [Am7] come [Em] again. [D7]

Play chorus and end on [G↓]