

The Skye Boat Song



Over the Sea to Skye (Boulton)

song air

G G Am D Em C D D

Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 3/4 time signature.
 Notes: d4, u4, d4 | d4, d4 | d4, u4, d4 | d4 | d4, u4, d4 | d4, d4 | d4, d4 | d4.
 Fingering: 0 2 0 | 5 5 | 0 2 0 | 5 | 2 0 2 | 2 2 | 0 0.

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 Fingering: 2 5 2 | 2 | 0 2 0 | 0 | 5 2 5 | 5 5 | 2 2 | 2.

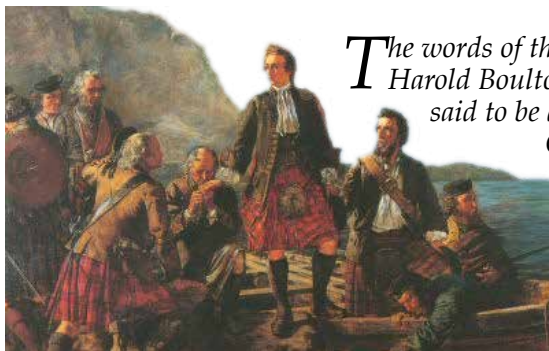
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 Fingering: 0 2 0 | 5 5 | 0 2 0 | 5 | 2 0 2 | 2 2 | 0 0 | 0.

G: 1st fret, 2nd string; 2nd fret, 3rd string.
 Am: 1st fret, 1st string; 2nd fret, 3rd string; 3rd fret, 5th string.
 D: 1st fret, 2nd string; 2nd fret, 3rd 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.