

Skye Boat Song

**Traditional Scottish song
arranged by Ken Johnston**

for SAB voices and piano

Composed 2002

Duration of piece: 5'

Three other versions of this song are available, arranged by Ken Johnston:

- 1) SATB voices and piano
- 2) SSA (or SAA) voices and piano
- 3) Unison voices with piano and flute

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Calmly ♩ = 108

Piano

p unaccented

Ped. _____ | Ped. _____ | Ped. _____

Detailed description: This block contains the piano introduction for measures 1 through 5. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is in a calm tempo of 108 beats per minute. The right hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment, while the left hand is mostly silent, with a few notes appearing in the final measure. Pedal markings are placed below the staff.

6

(sim.)

Detailed description: This block contains the piano introduction for measures 6 through 11. The right hand continues with the eighth-note accompaniment. The left hand has a melodic line with a long slur over measures 7-9. A 'sim.' (simile) marking is placed below the staff at the end of measure 11. Pedal markings are present.

12

A (altos) *p*

oo oo

Detailed description: This block contains the vocal line for the alto voice (A) and the piano accompaniment for measures 12 through 17. The alto part begins with a long note on 'oo' in measure 12, followed by a melodic line. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note accompaniment. Pedal markings are present.

18

S (sopranos) *p*

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

A

Ped. _____ | Ped. _____

Detailed description: This block contains the vocal lines for the soprano (S) and alto (A) voices and the piano accompaniment for measures 18 through 22. The soprano part has the lyrics 'Speed bon - nie boat like a bird on the wing,'. The alto part has a long note in measure 18. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note accompaniment. Pedal markings are present.

23

S on - ward, the sail - ors cry. Car - ry the

(sim.)

28

S lad that's born to be King o - ver the sea to Skye.

Ped.

34

subito f

S Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar,

A *f*

B *f*

Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar,

f

Ped. (sim.)

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4 39

S thun - der - claps rend the air. Baf - fled our

A thun - der - claps rend the air. Baf - fled our

B thun - der - claps rend the air. Baf - fled our

44

S foes stand by the shore, fol - low they will not

A foes stand by the shore, ah

B foes stand by the shore, ah

dim.

mp

dim.

dim.

49

S dare.

A ah

B ah

mp

dim.

mp

dim.

55 *mp*

S Speed bon - nie boat like a bird on the wing, on - ward, the

A *p*

B *p*

60

S sail - ors cry. Car - ry the lad that's born to be

A ah

B ah

66 *mf*

S King o - ver the sea to Skye. Though the waves

A *mf*

B *mf*

Though the waves

72

S
A
B

leap, soft shall ye sleep, o - cean's a roy - al

leap, soft shall ye sleep, o - cean's a roy - al

77

S
A
B

bed. Rocked in the deep, Flo - ra will

bed. Rocked in the deep, Flo - ra will

82

S
A
B

keep watch by your wea - ry head.

keep watch by your wea - ry head.

87

S *f* Speed bon-nie boat like a bird on the wing, on - ward, the

A *f* Speed bon-nie boat like a bird on the wing, on - ward, the

B *f* Speed bon-nie boat like a bird on the wing, on - ward, the

f

Ped. (sim.)

92

S sail - ors cry. Car - ry the lad that's

A sail - ors cry. Car - ry the lad that's

B sail - ors cry. Car - ry the lad that's

97

S born to be King o - ver the sea to Skye.

A born to be King o - ver the sea to Skye.

B born to be King o - ver the sea to Skye.

102

S *mp* Ma - ny's the lad fought on that

A *mp* Ma - ny's the lad fought on that

B *mp* Ma - ny's the lad fought on that day,

107

S day, well the clay - more could wield.

A day, well the clay - more could wield.

B well the clay - more could wield. When the night

112

S *dim.* *poco rit.* *p* **A tempo** When the night came, si - lent - ly dead oo

A *dim.* *poco rit.* *p* When the night came, si - lent - ly dead on Cul - lo-den's field.

B *dim.* *poco rit.* *p* came, si - lent - ly lay dead on Cul - lo-den's field.

118

S
A
B

oo

123

S *mp*
ah

A *mp*
Speed bon-nie boat like a bird on the wing, on-ward, the

B *p*
ah

mp
Ped. Ped.

128

S *cresc.*
ah

A *cresc.*
sail-ors cry. Car-ry the lad that's born to be

B *cresc.*
ah

cresc.

134

S
A
B

King o - ver the sea to Skye.

(no breath) *f*

Burned are our

140

S
A
B

Burned are our homes, ex - ile and death scat - ter the

homes, ex - ile and death scat - ter the loy - al

f

145

S
A
B

loy - al men. Yet ere the sword cool in the

men. Yet ere the sword cool in the sheath,

poco rit. dim.

dim.

dim.

poco rit. dim.

151 *mp* **A tempo**

S sheath, ah ah

A sheath, ah

B Char - lie will come a - gain. ah

157 *mp* *p* *p*

S Speed bon - nie

A oo

B oo

(sim.)

162

S boat like a bird on the wing, on - ward, the sail - ors cry.

A oo

B

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12

168

S Car - ry the lad that's born to be King o - ver the

A

B

174

S sea to Skye. *p* O - ver the sea to

A *mm*

B *mm*

179

S Skye. *rit.*

A *dim.* *mm*

B *dim.*

rit. *dim.* *p.* *ped.*