

## THE ARRAN BOAT SONG

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with three staves. The top staff is the melody, the middle staff is the guitar accompaniment, and the bottom staff is the bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The chords are indicated below the melody line.

System 1: Em G D Bm Em G D Em

System 2: Em G D Bm Em G D Em

System 3: Em C G D Em Bm Em

System 4: C G D Em G D Bm Em

There is a version of this tune in Kerr's First Collection. It has other names, some link it to the Irish Aran Islands rather than the Scottish one, and it's also the tune for Queen Mary's Escape from Loch Leven Castle. Wherever you're rowing, the rhythm matches the pulling action perfectly. Arrangement by Eric Allan [www.ericallanscottishmusic.co.uk](http://www.ericallanscottishmusic.co.uk)