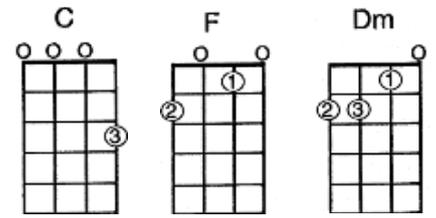


Arran Boat Song

Traditional Scottish air



This tune was first published as The Arran Boat Song around 1875 in James Kerr's first Merry Melodies volume. It is named for the Scottish Arran Islands in the Firth of Clyde and not the Irish Aran Islands off Galway Bay. It is played as an air. Although it is written in 3-4 it is not a waltz. Waltzes have the rhythm *strong/weak/weak; or, um-pa-pa*, The dotted rhythm of this tune cuts across this beat.

Ostinato

For beginners: This simple part can be played throughout the tune. It acts like a simple bass line.

Chords: Dm, C or F, C, Dm, C, Dm

Chords & melody

Play chords as either **slow, gentle** strum on the first beat of every bar, or using the arpeggio picking pattern.

Picking pattern (open strings)

G | -T----- (thumb)
 C | ---F1----- F1- (1st finger)
 E | -----F2---F2---- (2nd finger)
 A | -----F3----- (3rd finger)

1st position = first finger on 1st fret, 3rd position = first finger on 3rd fret, 5th position = first finger on 5th fret

* Consider pull-offs here

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