

The First Fleet

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Key C to C#

Intro: C / Cmaj7 / C6 / Cmaj7

Verse 1

C F C
In 1787, 11 ships left from Portsmouth

G7

Bound for the new colonies 15,000 miles south

F C F C
The cargo were Convicts Children Women and Men

Am G7
They were banish from their homeland never to return again

Verse 2

C F C
It took them eight months to arrive at Botany Bay

G7

Not without grief and sickness encountered on the way

F C F C
They proudly raised the flag of the mother land

Am G7 C C7
The journey was over the first fleet had made a stand

Chorus:

F C F C
This is Australia and the first fleet has arrived

F G7
They didn't know what lay in store but the journey they survived

F C F C
The Aboriginals were uneasy not sure if to fight or run

F C G7 C F G7 C
A new nation was born Australia had begun

Verse 3

An empty land of gum trees they began to build a town
The terrain was rough and rugged they used what was around
Food was in short supply law and order had to be kept
They had made it this far they weren't gonna give up yet

Verse 4

So many of them starving through fail crops and droughts
With sheer determination in time they worked it out
Side by side they broke their backs children women and men
There was no escape for these first Australians

