THE FOGGY DEW

Words: Canon Charles O'Neill

Tune: Traditional (The Moorlough Shore)

Am G Em As down the glen one Easter morn

C C Am

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To a city fair rode I.

Am G Em

There armed lines of marching men,

C G Am

In squadrons passed me by.

C G Am

No pipe did hum, no battle drum,

Am G Am

Did sound out its loud tattoo.

But the Angelus bell o'er the Liffey's swell,

C F Am

Rang out through the Foggy Dew.

Am G

Right proudly high over Dublin town

C G Am

They flung out the flag of war.

Am G

'Twas far better to die 'neath an Irish sky,

C G Am

Than at Suvla or Sud el Bar.

C G Am

And from the plains of royal Meath,

G Am

Brave men came hurrying through,

Am G Em

While Britannia's Huns with their long-range guns

C F Am

Sailed inthrough the foggy dew.

Am G

O, the night fell black and the rifle's crack,

C G Am

Made perfidious Albion reel.

Am G

'Mid the leaden rail, seven tongues of flame

C G Am

Did shine o'er the lines of steel.

C G

By each shining blade a prayer was said,

Am G Am

That to Ireland her sons would be true,

Am (

& when morning broke still the green flag shook out

C F Am

Its folds in the foggy dew.

Am G

It was England bade our Wild Geese go,

C G Am

That small nations might be free.

Am G

But their lonely graves are by Suvla's waves

C G Am

On the fringe of the great North Sea.

C G Am

Oh, had they died by Pearse's side

G Am

Or had fought with CathalBrugha,

im G

Their names we would keep where the Fenians sleep

C F Am

'Neath the shroud of the foggy dew.

Am (

But the bravest fell and the requiem bell,

C G Am

Rang out mournfully and clear,

Am G

For those who died that Eastertide

C G Am

In the springtime of the year.

C G Am

While the world did gaze with deep amaze,

G Am

At those fearless men and few,

Am G

Who bore the fight that freedom's light,

C F Am

Might shine through the foggy dew.

Am G

As back through the glen I rode again,

G Am

And my heart with grief was sore.

Am G

For I parted then with those gallant men,

C G Am

I never will see no more,

C G Am

And to and fro in my dreams I go

G Am

And I'll kneel and pray for you,

lm G

For slavery fled, oh you gallant dead,

F Am

When you fell in the foggy dew.

C F Am

When you fell in the foggy dew.