

THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL

**G** **D** **C** **G** **C** **G** **D**  
IN MY MEMORY I WILL ALWAYS SEE THE TOWN THAT I HAVE LOVED SO WELL  
**G** **D** **C** **G**  
WHERE OUR SCHOOL PLAYED BALL BY THE GASYARD WALL  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
AND WE LAUGHED THROUGH THE SMOKE AND THE SMELL  
**C** **D** **G** **Em**  
GOING HOME IN THE RAIN, RUNNING UP THE DARK LANE  
**C** **Am** **D**  
PAST THE JAIL AND DOWN BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN  
**G** **D** **C** **G**  
THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS, IN SO MANY, MANY WAYS  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
IN THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL.

IN THE EARLY MORNING THE SHIRT FACTORY HORN  
CALLED WOMEN FROM CREGGAN, THE MOOR AND THE BOG  
WHILE THE MEN ON THE DOLE PLAYED A MOTHER'S ROLE  
FED THE CHILDREN AND THEN WALKED THE DOGS  
AND THOUGH TIMES WERE TOUGH, THERE WAS JUST ABOUT ENOUGH  
AND THEY SAW IT THROUGH WITHOUT COMPLAINING  
FOR DEEP INSIDE WAS A BURNING PRIDE IN THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL.  
THERE WAS MUSIC THERE IN THE DERRY AIR  
LIKE A LANGUAGE THAT WE COULD ALL UNDERSTAND  
I REMEMBER THE DAY THAT I EARNED MY FIRST PAY  
WHEN I PLAYED IN A SMALL PICK UP BAND  
THERE I SPENT MY YOUGH AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH  
I WAS SAD TO LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND ME  
FOR I LEARNED ABOUT LIFE AND I'D FOUND A WIFE  
IN THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL

BUT WHEN I RETURNED HOW MY EYES WERE BURNED  
TO SEE HOW A TOWN COULD BE BROUGHT TO ITS KNEES  
BY THE ARMORED CARS AND THE BOMBED OUT BARS  
AND THE GAS THAT HANGS ONTO EVERY BREEZE  
NOW THE ARMY'S INSTALLED BY THAT OLD GASYARD WALL  
AND THAT DAMNED BARBED WIRE GETS HIGHER AND HIGHER  
WITH THEIR TANKS AND GUNS OH MY GOD WHAT HAVE THEY DONE  
TO THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL

NOW THE MUSIC'S GONE BUT THE CARRY ON  
FOR THEIR SPIRIT'S BEEN BRUISED, NEVER BROKEN  
THEY WILL NOT FORGET, BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE SET  
ON TOMORROW AND PEACE ONCE AGAIN  
FOR WHAT'S DONE IS DONE AND WHAT'S WON IS WON  
AND WHAT'S LOST IS LOST AND GONE FOREVER  
I CAN ONLY PRAY FOR A BRIGHT BRAND NEW DAY  
IN THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL.