

The Evictions

Goats Don't Shave

G Bm
My name it is Sweeney, a father of two sons I am,
D G
A cottier tenant, like many a true mountain man,
G Bm
My wife fell to famine and my heart will never repair,
D C G
But worse was to come in the form of a John George Adair.

G Bm
The news in the valley, a stranger had bought up land,
D G
Soon twenty eight thousand acres he would command,
G Bm
But we were to learn that the blood in his body ran cold,
D C G
For the suffering of the poor was John Adair's goal.

[Chorus]

Em C G
The hills and the mountains know your name,
Em C G
The deer even hang their heads in shame,
Em C G
And even the longest winter's rain,
Em C G
Can't wash away all the suffering and pain,
C D G
Of the Evictions at Derryveagh.

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Em D C G D
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G Bm
You swore on us lies, you had us arrested and jailed
D G
For the murder of Murray your agent, but justice prevailed
G Bm
But vengeance was feasting inside of your cold Scottish heart
D C G
So, the notice was given, the people and land they must part

G Bm
 One morning in April, eighteen sixty one
 D G
 Two hundred soldiers, their bayonets shone in the sun
 G Bm
 Led by the sheriff they marched with the Crowbar brigade
 D C G
 And a widow, six daughters, a son, first homeless were made

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G Bm
 Two hundred and forty-four people made homeless that day
 D G
 While John Adair's castle was planned for the shores of Lough Veagh
 G Bm
 Some to the poorhouse, some to Australia's shore
 D C G
 But all said goodbye to a homeland they'd see never more

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