

For Ireland I'll Not Tell Her Name

Traditional

[capo on 4]

 G C G
There's a home by the wide Avonmore
 G Am7 D D7
That would sweep o'er the broad open sea
 G C G Em
And wide rivers where the waves wash ashore
 G D G
Whilst bulrushes they wave to the breeze
 G C
Where the green ivy clings round the door
 Em Am7 D C D7
And the birds sweetly sing on each tree
 G C G Em
Oh my darling they're tuning their notes
 G C G
Is Ar Éirinn ní nesfainn cé hí (isay ayrin nee-notion kay hee)

 G C G
Like a sick man that longs for the dawn
 G Am7 D D7
I do long for the light of her smile
 G C G Em
And I pray for my own cailín bán
 G C G
Whilst I'm waiting for her by the stile
 G C
Oh I'd climb all the hills of this land
 Em Am7 D C D7
And I'd swim all the depths of the sea
 G C G Em
For one kiss from her lily-white hand
 G C G
Is Ar Éirinn ní nesfainn cé hí

G C G
 I have toiled sore those years of my life
 G Am7 D D7
 Through storm, through sunshine and rain
 G C G Em
 And I surely would venture my life
 G C G
 For to shield her one moment from pain
 G C
 For she being my comfort in life
 Em Am7 D C D7
 Though my comfort and joy she may be
 G C G Em
 She's my own she is my promised wife
 G C G
 Is Ar Éirinn ní nesfainn cé hí

G C G
 Oh but when I will call her my own
 G Am7 D D7
 And 'tis married we both then will be
 G C G Em
 Like the King and the Queen on their throne
 G C G
 We'll be living in sweet unity
 G C
 Oh 'tis then I'll have a home of my own
 Em Am7 D C D7
 And I'll rear up a nice family
 G C G Em
 Oh 'tis then that her name will be known
 G C G
 But for Ireland I won't tell her name