

# The Town I Loved So Well

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G D C G  
In my memory I will always see  
C G D  
The town that I have loved so well  
G D C G  
Where our school played ball by the gas yard wall  
C G D G  
And we laughed through the smoke and smell  
Em D C G  
Going home in the rain running up the dark lane  
C Am D  
Past the jail and down beside 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

G D C G  
In the early morning the shirt factory horn  
C G D  
Called women from Creggan, the Moor and the Bog  
G D C G  
While the men on the dole played a mothers role  
C G D G  
Fed the children and then walked the dog  
Em D C G  
And when times got rough, there was just about enough  
C Am D  
But they saw it through without complaining  
G D C G  
For deep inside was a burning pride  
C G D G  
for the town I loved so well

G D C G  
There was music there in the Derry air  
C G D  
Like a language that we all could understand  
G D C G  
I remember the day when I earned my first pay

C G D G  
as I played in a small pickup band  
Em D C G  
There I spent my youth and to tell you the truth  
C Am D  
I was sad to leave it all behind me  
G D C G  
For I'd learned about life and I'd found a wife  
C G D G  
In the town I loved so well

G D C G  
But when I returned, oh my eyes, how they had burned  
C G D  
To see how a town could be brought to it's knees  
G D C G  
By the armoured cars and the bombed out bars  
C G D G  
And the gas that hangs on to every breeze  
Em D C G  
Now the army's installed by that old gasyard wall  
C Am D  
And the damned barbed wire gets higher and higher  
G D C G  
With their tanks and guns, oh my God, what have they done  
C G D G  
To the town I loved so well

G D C G  
Now the music's gone but they carry on  
C G D  
For their spirit's been bruised, never broken  
G D C G  
Oh, they'll not forget still their hearts are set  
C G D G  
On tomorrow and peace once again  
Em D C G  
Now what's done is done and what's won is won  
C Am D  
And what's lost is lost and gone forever  
G D C G  
I can only pray for a bright brand new day  
C G D G  
In the town I loved so well