Glenswilly

The Wolfe Tones

Attention pay, my countrymen, and hear my native news Although my song is sorrowful, I hope you'll me excuse I left my peaceful residence a foreign land to see And I bid farewell to Donegal, likewise to Glenswilly

Some stalwart men around me stood, each comrade loyal and true And as I grasped each well-known hand to bid a last adieu I said, My fellow countrymen, I hope you'll soon be free To raise the flag more proudly oer the hills of Glenswilly

It is these cruel English laws, they curse our native isle Must Irishmen always live like slaves or else die in exile? There's not a man to strike a blow or to keep down tyranny

Since Lord Leitrim like a dog was shot not far from Glenswilly

No more beside the sycamore I'll hear the blackbird sing
No more to meet the blithe cuckoo to welcome back the spring
No more I'll plow your fertile fields, a chuisle geal mo chroId
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On foreign soil I'm doomed to toil far, far from Glenswilly

God bless you, dark old Donegal, my own dear native land In dreams I've often seen your hills and your towering mountain s grand

But the last three thousand miles of life separates these hills from me

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