

The Wind That Shakes the Barley

Dm C Dm Am Dm
I sat within the valley green,
C Dm
I sat me with my true love
F C Dm Am
My sad heart strove the two between,
Dm C Dm
The old love and the new love.
F
The old for her the new that made
Dm C Am
Me think on Ireland dearly
Dm C Dm Am
While soft the wind blew down the glade
Dm C Dm
And shook the golden barley.

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'Twas hard the woeful words to frame  
To break the ties that bound us,  
But harder still to bear the shame  
Of foreign chains around us.  
And so I said: "The mountain glen  
I'll seek at morning early,  
And join the bold united men,  
While soft the winds shake the barley."

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While sad I kissed away her tears,
My fond arms round her flinging,
The foeman's shot burst on our ears
From out the wildwood ringing.
The bullet pierced my true love's side
In life's young spring so early
And on my breast in blood she died
While soft winds shook the barley.

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I bore her to some mountain stream  
And many's the summer blossom  
I placed with branches soft and green  
About her gore-stained bosom  
I wept and kissed her clay-cold corpse  
Then rushed o'er vale and valley  
My vengeance on the foe to wreak  
While soft wind shook the barley.

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But blood for blood without remorse
I've taken at Oulart Hollow,
And laid my true love's clay cold corpse
Where I full soon may follow.
As round her grave I wander drear,
Noon, night and morning early
With breaking heart when e'er I hear
The wind that shakes the barley.

The lyrics to The Wind That Shakes the Barley tell the tragic story of a young man torn between staying with his true love and fighting for his country.

The song was written by Irish poet and scholar, Robert Dwyer Joyce.

The chords are presented here in the key of D Minor. Dolores Keane sings the song in F# Minor. Place a capo on the fourth fret and play the chord shapes shown below to play in F#m.

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