

Kelly the Boy From Killane

C F C Am
What's the news what's the news Oh my bold Shelmaliar
C G7 C
With your long barrelled gun from the sea
F C Am
Say what wind from the sun blows his messenger here
C G7 C
With a hymn of the dawn for the free
F C
"Goodly news "goodly news do I bring youth of Forth
F G7
Goodly news shall you hear Bargy man
C F C Am
For the boys march at morn from the south to the north
C G7 C
Led by Kelly the boy from Killane.

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Tell me who is the giant with the gold curling hair  
He who rides at the head of the band  
Seven feet is his height with some inches to spare  
And he looks like a king in command  
"Ah me boys that's the pride of the bold Shelmaliars  
Among our greatest of heroes a man  
Fling your beavers aloft and give three rousing cheers  
For John Kelly the boy from Killane.

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Enniscorthy's in flames and old Wexford is won
And the Barrow tomorrow we'll cross
On a hill ore that town we have planted a gun
That will batter the gateway at Ross
All the Forth men and Bargy men march o'er the heath
With brave Harvey to lead on the van
But the foremost of all in that grim gap of death
Will be Kelly the boy from Killane.

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But the gold sun of freedom grew darkened at Ross  
And is set by the Slaney's red waves  
And poor Wexford stripped naked hung high on a cross  
And her heart pierced by traitors and slaves  
Glory O Glory O to her brave sons who died  
For the cause of long downtrodden man  
Glory O to mount Leinster's own darling and pride  
Dauntless Kelly the boy from Killane.

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The lyrics to Kelly the Boy From Killane were written by P J McCall in 1911 – more 100 years after the events being described.

Nevertheless, the song sounds like a contemporary account with McCall giving the lyrics the feel of an urgent news report.

The chords are presented here in the key of C Major.

The Dubliners are the band most closely associated with this song. They usually played it in F Major. If you want to play in F using the chords listed here, then place a capo on the fifth fret.

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