

The Foggy Dew

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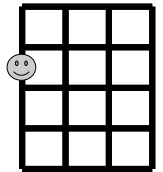
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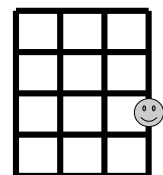
Am G C// G// Am
I was down the glen one Easter morn, to a city fair rode I.
Am G C// G// Am
There armed lines of marching men In squadrons passed me by.
C G Am// Em// Am
No pipe did hum, no battle drum did sound its loud tattoo,
Am G C// F// Am Am
But the Angelus Bells o'er the Liffey swells rang out in the foggy dew.

Am



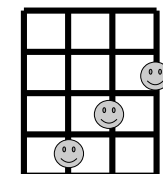
Am G C// G// Am
Right proudly high over Dublin town they hung out a flag of war.
Am G C// G// Am
'Twas better to die 'neath that Irish sky than at Sulva or Sud al Bahr.
C G Am// Em// Am
And from the plains of Royal Meath strong men came hurrying through,
Am G C// F// Am Am
While Brittania's Huns with their long range guns sailed in through the foggy dew.

C



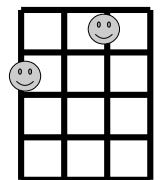
Am G C// G// Am
Oh the night fell black, and the rifles' crack made perfidious Albion reel,
Am G C// G// Am
In the leaden rain, seven tongues of flame did shine o'er the lines of steel,
C G Am// Em// Am
By each shining blade a prayer was said, that to Ireland her sons be true
Am G C// F// Am Am
But when morning broke, still the war flag shook out its folds in the foggy dew.

Em



Am G C// G// Am
'Twas England bade our Wild Geese go, that small nations might be free.
Am G C// G// Am
But their lonely graves are by Suvla's waves on the fringe of the great North Sea.
C G Am// Em// Am
Oh, had they died by Pearse's side or fought with Cathal Brugha,
Am G C// F// Am Am
Their graves we will keep where the Fenians sleep, 'neath the shroud of the foggy dew.

F



Am G C// G// Am
Their bravest fell and the requiem bell rang mournfully and clear.
Am G C// G// Am
For those who died that Eastertide in the springtime of the year.
C G Am// Em// Am
And the world did gaze with deep amaze at those fearless men, but few,
Am G C// F// Am Am
Who bore the fight that freedom's light might shine through the foggy dew.
Am G C// F// Am Am
Who bore the fight that freedom's light might shine through the foggy dew.

G

