

Sinead O'Connor, Irish Ways And Irish Laws

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Irish Ways and Irish Laws
Villages of Irish blood
Waking to the morning
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Then the Vikings came around (1)
Turned us up and turned us down
Started building boats and towns
They tried to change our living
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Cromwell and his soldiers came (2)
Started centuries of shame
But they could not make us turn (3)
We are a river flowing
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Again, again the soldiers came
Burnt our houses stole our grain
Shot the farmers in their fields
Working for livings
Working for a living

800 years we have been down (4)
The secret of the water sound
Has kept the spirit of a man
Above the pain descending
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Today the struggle carries on
I wonder will I live so long
To see the gates being opened up (5)
To a people and their freedom
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