Wolfe Tones, The Lough Sheelin Eviction

Farewell my Country a Long farewell My tale of anguish no tongue can tell For I'm forced to fly o'er the ocean wide from the home I love by Lough Sheelin side. How proud was I of my girl so mfair I was envied most by the young men there When I brought her back a bashful bride To my cottage home by Lough Sheelin side.

Chorus:

Farewell my love a fond adieu
Farewell my comrades and my country too
For I'm forced to fly o'er the ocean wide
From the home I love by Lough Sheelin side.

But all our joys were too good to last for the Landlord came our young hopes to blast In vain we pleaded for mercy no He hurled us out in the blinding snow. The no one opened for us their door For ill-felt vengeance would reach them sure My Eileen fainted in my arms and died On that snowy night by Lough Sheelin side.

Chorus

I buried her down in the churchyard low Where in the springtime the wild flowers grow I shed no tears for my tongue felt dry On that fearful night by Lough Sheelin side. Farewell my country farewell all day The ship will soon take me far away But oh my fond heart would sooner bide Near my Eileen's grave by Lough Sheelin side.

Chorus