

The Fields Of Athenry

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By a lonely prison wall
I heard a young girl calling,
'michael, they are taking you away.
For you stole travelyns corn,
So the young might see the morn,
Now a prison ship lies waiting in the bay.'ChorusLow lie the fields of athenry
Where once we watched the small freebirds fly.
Our love was on the wing,
We had dreams and songs to sing
It's so lonely round the fields of athenryBy a lonely prison wall
I heard a young man calling
'nothing matters, mary when you're free
Against the famine and the crown,
I rebelled, they cut me down,
Now you must raise our child with dignity.'ChorusBy a lonely harbour wall,
As she watched the last star falling
As the prison ship sailed out against the sky
For she lived in hope and prayed,
For her love in botany bay
It's so lonely round the fields of athenryChorusIt's so lonely round the fields of athenry

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