Siol Ghoraidh

Runrig

Here hangs an open landscape A wild and huge frontier From a harsh and a barren wasteland Through the grave to the promised fieldYou came, you trapped, you charted You laid the railraods and the schemes And you tamed this land by enterprise And by the power of your dreamsFrom the olden coasts of Ireland From the Hebridean shores With the forgotten chosen ones Running from Europe in drovesThere's a town in Manitoba They say the windows touch the sky But across the brine the shipyards close In this garden flowers dieStill the homelands divide us Like your blood red brothers of the plains But where they grieve a candle still burns A prayer from a flicker to a flameBut you made this Clan great And you made this nation bloom And you rose With your people through the new world Like a rocket to the moon

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