

The Town I Loved So Well

G Am C G
 In my memory I will always see
 C G D
 The town that I have loved so well
 G D C G
 Where our school played ball by the Gas-yard wall
 C G D G
 And we laughed through the smoke and the smell
 Em D C
 Going home in the rain, running up the dark lane
 G Am7 D
 Past the jail and down behind the fountain
 G D C
 Those were happy days, in so many, many ways
 C G D G
 In the town I loved so well

In the early morning the Shirt Factory horn
 Called women from Graigeen, The Moor and The Bog
 While the men on the dole played a mother's role
 Fed the children, and then walked the roads
 And when times got rough there was just about enough
 But they saw it through without complaining
 For deep inside was a burning pride
 For the town I love so well

There was music there in the Derry air
 Like a language that we could all understand
 I remember the day, when I earned my first pay
 As I played in the samll pick-up band
 Then I spent my youth, and to tell you the truth
 I was sad to leave it all behind me
 For I'd learned about life and I'd found me a wife
 In the town I loved so well

But when I returned, how my eyes were burned
 To see how a town could be brought to its knees
 By the armoured cars and the bombed out bars
 And the gas that hangs on to every breeze
 Now the Army's installed by the old Gas-yard wall
 And the damned barbed wire gets higher and higher
 With their tanks and guns, oh my God what have they done
 To the town I love so well

Now the music's gone, but they still carry-on
 Though their spirit's gone, but never broken
 They will not forget for their hearts are all set
 On tomorrow, and peace once again
 For what's done is done, and what's won is won
 And what's lost is lost and gone forever
 I can only pray for a bright brand new day
 In the town I love so well