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Irish Ways and Irish Laws

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Once upon a time there was
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Spillages of Irish blood
Waking to the morning
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Then the Vikings came around
Turned us up and turned us down
Started building boats and towns
They tried to change our living
They tried to change our living

Cromwell and his soldiers came
Started centuries of shame
But they could not make us turn
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 a living
Working for a living

It's hundreds years we have been down
The secret of the water sound
Has kept the spirit of a man
Above the pain descending
Above the pain descending

Today the struggle carries on
I wonder, will I live so long
To see the gates be opened up
To a people and their freedom
A people and their freedom

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