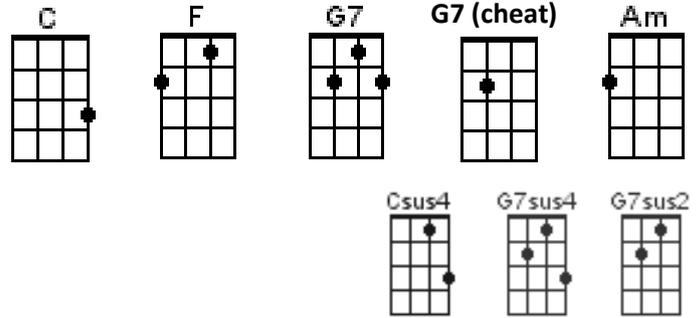


THE FIELDS OF ATHENRY

Pete St. John 1979

The 'Trevelyan' referred to is Charles Edward Trevelyan, a senior English civil servant, who famously said of the Great Potato Famine: "the judgement of God sent the calamity to teach the Irish a lesson"

This song can be done strumming or with several picking patterns, such as 4 3 2 1; 4 2 3 1; or 3 2 4 1 (Inside/Outside)



C **F** **C** **G7**
By a lonely prison wall I heard a young girl calling

Light blue chords = optional

C **F** **G7**
Michael they are sending you away

C **F** **C** **G7**
For you stole Trevelan's corn so our young might see the morn

G7 **C** **Csus4** **C**
Now the prison ship lies waiting in the bay

CHORUS:

C **F** **C** **Am**
Low lie the fields of Athenry

C **G7** **G7sus4** **G7** **G7sus2** **G7**
Where first we watched the small free birds fly

C **F** **C** **G7**
Our love was on the wing, we had dreams and songs to sing

G7 **C** **Csus4** **C**
It's so lonely round the fields of Athenry

C **F** **C** **G7**
By a lonely prison wall I heard a young man calling

C **F** **G7**
Nothing matters Mary when you're free

C **F** **C** **G7**
Against the famine and the crown I rebelled, they ran me down

G7 **C** **Csus4** **C**
Now you must raise our child with dignity

CHORUS

C **F** **C** **G7**
By a lonely harbour wall she watched the last star falling

C **F** **G7**
As the prison ship sailed out against the sky

C **F** **C** **G7**
But she'll wait and hope and pray for her love in Botany Bay

G7 **C** **Csus4** **C**
It's so lonely round the fields of Athenry

CHORUS