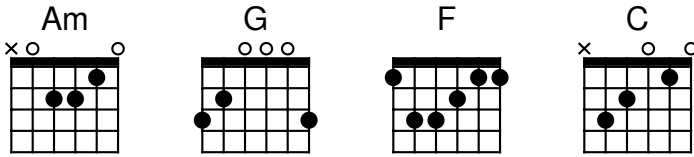


# Skibbereen

Traditional Irish (Sinead O'Conner version, except for Verse 6)



Verse 1:

[Am]Oh, [G] father dear, I [Am]oft times hear you [G]talk of [F] Erin's [Am]Isle.  
Her lofty [C]scenes, her [Am]valleys [G] green, her [Am]mountains [C]rude and  
They say it [C]is a [Am]pretty [G]place where[Am]in a [C] prince might [Am]dw  
Oh, [G] why did you a[Am]bandon it? The [G] reason [F] to me [Am] tell.

Verse 2:

[Am]Oh, [G]son, I loved my [Am]native land with [G]ener[F]gy and [Am]pride  
'Til a blight came [C]over [Am]all my [G]crops; my [Am]sheep and [C]cattle [A  
The rent and [C]taxes [Am]were so [G]high, I [Am]could not [C]them re[Am]de  
And [G]that's the cruel [Am]reason why I [G]left old [F]Skibbe[Am]reen.

Verse 3:

[Am]Oh, [G]well do I rem[Am]e- mber that [G]bleak De[F]cember [Am]day  
When the landlord [C]and the [Am]sheriff [G]came to [Am]drive us [C]all a[Am]  
They set my [C]roof on [Am]fire [G]with their [Am]demon ye[C]llow [Am]spleen  
And [G]that's another [Am]reason why I [G]left old [F]Skibbe[Am]reen.

Verse 4:

[Am]Your [G]mother too, God [Am]rest her soul, fell [G]on the [F]snowy [Am]gr  
She fainted [C]in her [Am]anguish [G] seeing the [Am]deso[C]lation [Am] 'roun  
She never [C]rose but [Am]passed a[G]way from [Am]life to im[C]mortal [Am]c  
She [G]found a quiet [Am]grave, me boy, in [G]dear old [F]Skibbe[Am]reen

Verse 5:

[Am]And [G]you were only [Am]two years old and [G]feeble [F]was your [Am]fr  
I could not [C]leave you [Am]with our [G]friends; you [Am]bore your [C]father's  
I wrapped you [C]in my [Am]cota-[G]mor in the [Am]dead of [C]night un[Am]se  
I [G]heaved a sigh and [Am]said goodbye to [G]dear old [F]Skibbe[Am]reen.

Verse 6:

[Am]Oh, [G]father dear, the [Am]day will come when [G]vengeance [F]loud will  
And we will [C]rise with [Am]Erin's [G]boys and [Am]rally [C]one and [Am]all.  
I'll be the [C]man to [Am]lead the [G]band be[Am]neath our [C]flag of [Am]green  
And [G]loud and high we'll [Am]raise the cry: 'Re[G]venge for [F]Skibbe[Am]r