

## Irish Folk Songs

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### *Fields of Athenry*

The Dubliners

1. By a <sup>G</sup> lonely prison wall  
I heard a young girl calling <sup>C</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> Micheal they are taking you away <sup>C</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> For you stole Trevelyn's corn <sup>C</sup>  
So the young might see the morn <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
Now a prison ship lies waiting in the bay <sup>G</sup>

<sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>Em</sup>  
Low lie the Fields of Athenry  
Where once we watched the small free birds fly <sup>D</sup>  
Our love was on the wing <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>  
We had dreams and songs to sing <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
Its so lonely 'round the Fields of Athenry <sup>G</sup>

2. By a <sup>G</sup> lonely prison wall  
I heard a young man calling <sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> Nothing matters Mary when your free, <sup>C</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> Against the famine and the Crown <sup>C</sup>  
I rebelled they cut me down <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
Now you must raise our child with dignity <sup>G</sup>

3. By a <sup>G</sup> lonely harbor wall  
She watched the last star falling <sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> As the prison ship sailed out against the sky <sup>C</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> Sure she'll wait and hope and pray <sup>C</sup>  
For her love in Botany Bay <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
It's so lonely 'round the Fields of Athenry <sup>G</sup>

*Fields of Athenry was published in 1970 by Pete St. John. It is set in the Great Irish Famine 1845-1850. Some bands such as the Dubliners or Dropkick Murphys have recorded versions of this ballad, but most recently it is best known for being sung by Irish football fans in the stadium. It gains major popularity during the European Championship 2012, but it was used before by fans of The Celtic Football Club.*

## Traditional

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### *Somewhere over the Rainbow*

Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

Intro:

**C Cmaj7 Am F C G Am F Fadd9 F**  
**C Em F C**  
Oooo, oooo, oooo...  
**F E7 Am F**  
Oooo, oooo, oooo...

**C Em**  
1. Somewhere over the rainbow  
**F C**  
Way up high  
**F C**  
And the dreams that you dream of  
**G Am F**  
Once in a lullaby...  
**C Em**  
Oh, somewhere over the rainbow  
**F C**  
Blue birds fly  
**F C**  
And the dreams that you dream of  
**G Am F**  
Dreams really do come true...

**C**  
Someday I'll wish upon a star  
**G Am F**  
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
**C**  
Where trouble melts like lemon drops  
**G**  
High above the chimney tops  
**Am F**  
That's where you'll find me

**C Em**  
2. Oh, somewhere over the rainbow  
**F C**  
Blue birds fly  
**F C**  
And the dream that you dare to  
**G Am F**  
Why oh why can't I... -

**C G**  
Well I see trees of green  
**F C**  
And red roses too  
**F C E7 Am**  
I watch them bloom for me and you  
**F**  
And I think to myself  
**G Am F**  
What a wonderful world  
**C G**  
Well I see skies of blue  
**F C**  
And I see clouds of white  
**F C**  
And the brightness of day  
**E7 Am**  
I like the dark  
**F**  
And I think to myself  
**G C F C**  
What a wonderful world  
**G**  
The colors of the rainbow  
**C**  
So pretty in the sky  
**G C**  
Are also on the faces of people passing by  
**F C**  
See friends shakin' hands saying  
**F C**  
"How do you do?"  
**F C Dm G**  
They're really sayin', "I, I love you."  
**C G**  
I hear babies cryin'  
**F C**  
And watch them grow  
**F C E7 Am**  
They'll learn much more than we'll ever know  
**F**  
And I think to myself  
**G Am F**  
What a wonderful world

**C**  
Someday I'll wish upon a star  
**G Am F**  
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
**C**  
Where trouble melts like lemon drops  
**G**  
High above the chimney tops  
**Am F**  
That's where you'll find me

3. Oh, somewhere over the rainbow  
Way up high  
And the dreams that you dare to  
Why oh why can't I

Outro:

C Em F C  
Oooo, oooo, oooo  
F E7 Am F  
Oooo, oooo, oooo

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*I guess this is gonna sound kind of weird, but I'm not scared for myself for dying. 'Because I believe all these places are temporary. This is just one shell. 'Because we Hawaiians live in both worlds. Israel Kamakawiwo'ole*

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