

Kelly The Boy From Killane

Tab Chords And Lyrics

By Traditional Irish

Capo on 2nd fret

C F C Am
What's the news what's the news O my bold Shelmalie
C G C
With your long-barrelled gun of the sea?
F C Am
Say what wind from the sun blows his messenger here
C G C
With a hymn of the dawn for the free?
F C
Goodly news, goodly news, do I bring, youth of Forth
F G
Goodly news do I bring Bargy man
C F C Am
For the boys march at dawn from the south to the north
C G C
Led by Kelly, the boy from Killanne

C F C Am
Tell me who is the giant with the gold curling hair
C G C
He who rides at the head of the band?
F C Am
Seven feet is his height, with some inches to spare
C G C
And he looks like a king in command
F C
"Oh, me boys, that's the pride of the bold Shelmaliers
F G
Mongst our greatest of heroes, a man
C F C Am
Fling your beavers aloft and give three rousing cheers
C G C
For John Kelly the boy from Killanne

Enniscorthy's in flames, and old Wexford is won
And the Barrow tomorrow we cross.
On a hill o'er the town we have planted a gun
That will batter the gateways to Ross
All the Forth men and Bargy men march over the heath
With brave Harvey to lead on the van
But the foremost of all in that grim gap of death
Will be Kelly, the boy from Killanne

Break – C-F-C-Am-C-G-C .. C-F-C-Am-C-G-C .. F-C-F-G ,, C-F-C-Am-C-G-C

But the gold sun of freedom grew darkened at Ross
And it set by the Slaney's red waves
And poor Wexford stript naked hung high on a cross
With her heart pierced by traitors and slaves
Glory O! Glory O! to her brave sons who died
For the cause of long-down-trodden man
Glory O! to mount Leinster's own darling and pride
Dauntless Kelly, the boy from Killanne