

## Clancy Brothers

# "The Men Of The West"

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The Men of the West

(William Rooney)

When you honor in song and in story  
The names of the patriot men,  
Whose valor has covered with glory  
Full many a mountain and glen,  
Forget not the boys of the heather  
Who rallied their bravest and best  
When Ireland was broken in Wexford  
And looked for revenge to the West.  
cho: I give you the gallant old West, boys,  
Where rallied our bravest and best  
When Ireland lay broken and bleeding;  
Hurrah for the men of the West!  
The hilltops with glory were glowing  
'Twas the eve of a bright harvest day,  
When the ship we'd been wearily waiting  
Sailed into Killala's broad bay.  
And over the hills went the slogan  
To awaken in every breast  
The fire that has never been quenched, boys,  
Among the true hearts of the West.  
cho:  
Killala was ours ere the midnight,  
And high over Ballina town  
Our banners in triumph were waving  
Before the next sun had gone down.  
We gathered to speed the good work, boys  
The true men from near and afar;

And history can tell how we routed  
The redcoats through old Castlebar.

cho:

And pledge me the stout sons of France, boys,  
Bold Humbert and all his brave men,  
Whose tramp, like the trumpet of battle,  
Brought hope to the drooping again.  
Since Ireland has caught to her bosom  
On many a mountain and hill  
The gallants who fell, so they're here, boys,  
To cheer us to victory still.  
cho:

Though all the bright dreamings we cherished  
Went down in disaster and woe,  
The spirit of old is still with us  
That never would bend to the foe.  
And Connaught is ready whenever  
The loud rolling tuck of the drum  
Rings out to awaken the echoes  
And tell us the morning has come.

cho:

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