

## Original Broadway Cast "The Choice Is Mine"

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DUBHDARA

All the clans of Ireland  
Are bogged down in ancient feuds

DONAL

Like the feuds your kinsmen once began

CHIEFTAN O'FLAHERTY

Donal!

DUBHDARA

Yes! And so the Queen of England  
Sees us and concludes  
We're too weak to fight her empire's plan

And so my friend, we must put old claims aside  
And join as one, a course that's never been tried

CHIEFTON O'FLAHERTY

We must, but how?  
That would call for trust  
No trust have I

DUBHDARA

Nor I

CHIEFTON O'FLAHERTY

You know, as I,  
How this work is done  
You have a daughter,  
And I have a son  
These two must wed  
And when there's an heir  
Then two warring clans  
Will at last be one

GRACE

Father, I know well what kind of victory this shows  
Tell me, was my fate just sealed for me?  
If you do accept this marriage union they propose  
I must give up Tiernan and the sea  
I fought so hard

DUBHDARA  
You are selfless in war

GRACE  
To carve a life that's mine

DUBHDARA  
Give yourself like a man

GRACE  
I love my land

DUBHDARA  
But this fight calls for more

GRACE  
Where Do I draw the line?

DUBHDARA AND GRACE  
Who'll sacrifice  
To become one clan?

DUBHDARA  
A man cannot  
A woman can

GRACE  
(spoken)  
Tiernan; please!  
(sung)  
The choice is mine  
But I cannot refuse  
It's cruel, the path  
We are now forced to choose

TIERNAN  
In the name of God!  
This you cannot do!

GRACE  
Tiernan - this must be  
But my love still is you

TIERNAN  
(spoken)  
Grace! You promised yourself to me! Does that mean  
nothing to you?

DUBHDARA  
(spoken)

Tiernan, it must be so.

GRACE

In this time of war  
Two small lives must yield

Tiernan!

Our clan accepts -  
Let the bond be sealed

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