Irish Folksongs "BOLD ROBERT EMMET"

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The struggle is over, the boys are defeated Old Ireland's surrounded with sadness and gloom We were defeated and shamefully treated And I, Robert Emmet, awaiting my doom

Hung, drawn and quartered, sure that was my sentence

But soon I will show them no coward am I My crime is the love of the land I was born in A hero I lived and a hero I'll die

Chorus:

Bold Robert Emmet, the darling of Ireland Bold Robert Emmet will die with a smile Farewell companions both loyal and daring I'll lay down my life for the Emerald Isle

The barque lay at anchor awaiting to bring me Over the billows to the land of the free But I must see my sweetheart for I know she will cheer me

And with her I will sail far over the sea

Chorus

But I was arrested and cast into prison
Tried as a traitor, a rebel, a spy
But no man can call me a knave or a coward
A hero I lived and a hero I'll die

Chorus

Hark! I the bell's tolling, I well know its meaning My poor heart tells me it is my death knell In come the clergy, the warder is leading I have no friends here to bid me farewell Goodbye, old Ireland, my parents and sweetheart Companions in arms to forget you must try I am proud of the honour, it was only my duty A hero I lived and a hero I'll die

Chorus

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