

Solist:

1. By a lonely prison wall,
I heard a young girl calling
“Michael, they are taking you away,
For you stole Trevelyan’s corn,
So the young might see the morn
Now a prison ship lies waiting in the bay”.

Koor Refrein:

Low lie the fields of Athenry
Where once we watched the small free birds fly
Our love was on the wing,
We had dreams and songs to sing
It’s so lonely ‘round the fields of Athenry.

Solist:

2. By a lonely prison wall,
I heard a young man calling
“Nothing matters, Mary, when you’re free
Against the famine and the Crown,
I rebelled, they cut me down.
Now you must raise our child with dignity”.

Koor Refrein:Solist:

3. By a lonely harbour wall,
She watched the last star falling
As that prison ship sailed out against the sky
Sure she’ll wait and hope and pray,
For her love in Botany Bay
It’s so lonely round the fields of Athenry.

Koor Refrein: