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C                                          Em
My name it is Sweeney father of two sons I am
  G                   F                     C
a courier tenant like many a true mountain man
C                                          Em
my wife fell to famine my heart will never repair
    G                         F                  C
but worse was to come in the form of John George Adair
C                                                     Em
the news in the valley a stranger had bought up the land
     G                     F              C
soon twenty eight thousand acres he would command
C                                                     Em
but we were to learn that the blood in his body ran cold
        G                F                    C
for the suffering of the poor was John Adairs goal
(chorus)
    Am            F                   C
the hills and the mountains know your name
    Am        F                   C
the deer even hang their heads in shame
    Am       F               C
and even the longest winters rain
           Am           F             C
can t wash away all the suffering and pain
         F          G    C
of the evictions at Derryveagh
C                                     Em
he sworn us lies had us arrested and jailed
        G                    F                    C
for the murder of Murrog his agent but justice prevailed
C                                                        Em
but vengeance was feasting inside of his cold Scottish heart
       G                    F                         C
so the notice was given the people and land they must part
C                                       Em
one cold april morning eighteen sixty one
    G                    F                     C
two hundred soldiers the bayonets John and his son
C                                                     Em
led by the sheriff they marched to the grove by the bay
  G                     F                        C
a widow six daughters a son first homeless Lough Barra
(chorus)
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of the evictions at Derryveagh
C                                                  Em
two hundred forty four people left homeless that day
      G                      F                                C
while John Adairs castle was planned for the shores of Lough Veagh
C                                             Em
some to the poorhouse some to Australia s shores
    G                       F                   C
but all said goodbye to our homeland they d see nevermore
(chorus)
    Am            F                   C
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    Am        F                   C
the deer even hang their heads in shame
    Am       F               C
and even the longest winters rain
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Worked the words out for this listening to it over and over not being Irish
I wasn t sure of some of the terms so I researched what I could but the term courier
tenant as it sounded to me I was unable to nail down. any corrections would be welcomed