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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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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
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
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


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
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