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Bb **Dm**
My name it is Sweeney father of two sons I am
F **Eb** **Bb**
a courier tenant like many a true mountain man
Bb **Dm**
my wife fell to famine my heart will never repair
F **Eb** **Bb**
but worse was to come in the form of John George Adair
Bb **Dm**
the news in the valley a stranger had bought up the land
F **Eb** **Bb**
soon twenty eight thousand acres he would command
Bb **Dm**
but we were to learn that the blood in his body ran cold
F **Eb** **Bb**
for the suffering of the poor was John Adairs goal
(chorus)
Gm **Eb** **Bb**
the hills and the mountains know your name
Gm **Eb** **Bb**
the deer even hang their heads in shame
Gm **Eb** **Bb**
and even the longest winters rain
Gm **Eb** **Bb**
can t wash away all the suffering and pain
Eb **F** **Bb**
of the evictions at Derryveagh
Bb **Dm**
he sworn us lies had us arrested and jailed
F **Eb** **Bb**
for the murder of Murrog his agent but justice prevailed
Bb **Dm**
but vengeance was feasting inside of his cold Scottish heart
F **Eb** **Bb**
so the notice was given the people and land they must part
Bb **Dm**
one cold april morning eighteen sixty one
F **Eb** **Bb**
two hundred soldiers the bayonets John and his son
Bb **Dm**
led by the sheriff they marched to the grove by the bay
F **Eb** **Bb**
a widow six daughters a son first homeless Lough Barra
(chorus)

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Eb F Bb
of the evictions at Derryveagh
Bb Dm
two hundred forty four people left homeless that day
F Eb Bb
while John Adairs castle was planned for the shores of Lough Veagh
Bb Dm
some to the poorhouse some to Australia s shores
F Eb Bb
but all said goodbye to our homeland they d see nevermore
(chorus)
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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