

Smoke And Strong Whiskey
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[Intro]

C G C G C G C G

[Verse 1]

D **G**
 Kids wear white garters and smell like their mothers
C **G**
 Whose husbands and fathers alike
D **C**
 Drink black beer in the same public houses
C **D** **G**
 Smelling of smoke and strong whiskey

C G

D **G**
 Mammies and daddies and skipping ropes
C **G**
 Lectures from priests, living in hope
D **C**
 They've not mistaken the brand of their coats
C **D** **G**
 Paid for by their spiritual teachings

C G

D **G**
 A busy year this, the streets running red
C **G**
 How many sent to a nuptial bed
D **C**
 And how many sent home to a winter of graves
C **D** **G**
 And how many wait in for the slaughter

C G

[Chorus]

G **C** **D**
Oh the holy ground

C **Am** **D**
Ceud mile failte, there s saints and there s scholars to see

G **C** **D**
Oh the holy ground

C **Am** **D**
The far away hills ain t as green as they once used to be

[Bridge]

Em **Am** **Em** **Am**

[Verse 2]

D **G**
It s Easter again and we cannot forget
 C **G**
Brothers and sisters and all that was said
 D **C**
So practice your pipes, stand proud in the wet
 C **D** **G**
But the eyes of the world are upon you

C G

D **G**
God in his mercy has given us men
 C **G**
To lead us to peace but they can t bring an end
 D **C**
To the profits that pay off the lease on the land
 C **D** **G**
We still send them over the water

C G

D **G**
Seventeen years and Kelly s a man
 C **G**
Who stands on the street with a gun in his hand
 D **C**
He s Protecting the pipers that play in the band
 C **D** **G**
While the enemy waits with an army

[Chorus]

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[Bridge]

Em **Am** **Em** **Am**

[Verse 3]

D **G**
Dia le hEireann, suckle the empire
C **G**
Dia le hEireann, suffer the loss

D
C
 Of the green to the blue while the media feeds
C
D
G
 On the blood and the pain and the hatred

[Chorus]

(Repeat to Fade)