

**The Patriot Game**  
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**G C G D G**  
Come all ye young rebels, and list while I sing,  
**D G Bm G**  
For the love of one s country is a terrible thing.  
**D G Bm Em**  
It banishes fear with the speed of a flame  
**G C G D G**  
And it makes us all part of the patriot game.

**G C G D G**  
My name is O Hanlon, and I ve just turned sixteen.  
**D G Bm G**  
My home is in Monaghan, where I was weaned.  
**D G Bm Em**  
I learned all my life cruel England to blame,  
**G C G D G**  
So now I am part of the patriot game.

**G C G D G**  
This Ireland of ours has too long been half free;  
**D G Bm G**  
Six counties lie under John Bull s tyranny.  
**D G Bm Em**  
But still De Valera is greatly to blame  
**G C G D G**  
For shirking his part in the patriot game.

**G C G D G**  
They told me how Connolly was shot in his chair,  
**D G Bm G**  
His wounds from the fighting all bloody and bare.  
**D G Bm Em**  
His fine body twisted, all battered and lame;  
**G C G D G**  
They soon made me part of the patriot game.

**G C G D G**  
I don t mind a bit if I shoot down police  
**D G Bm G**  
They are lackeys for war, never guardians of peace  
**D G Bm Em**  
And yet at deserters I m never let aim  
**G C G D G**  
The rebels who sold out the patriot game.

**G**          **C**          **G**          **D**          **G**  
It s nearly two years since I wandered away  
          **D**          **G**                  **Bm**          **G**  
With the local battalion of the bold IRA,  
          **D**                  **G**                  **Bm**                  **Em**  
I ve read of our heroes, and I wanted the same,  
          **G**                  **C**          **G**          **D**          **G**  
To play out my part in the patriot game.

**G**          **C**          **G**          **D**          **G**  
And now as I lie here, my body all holes,  
          **D**                  **G**                  **Bm**                  **G**  
I think of those traitors who bargained in souls  
          **D**                  **G**                  **Bm**                  **Em**  
And I wish that my rifle had given the same  
          **G**                  **C**          **G**          **D**          **G**  
To those quislings who sold out the patriot game.

(this is my first UG submission so please rate and comment if made a mistake.  
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