

Sweet William
Johnny Flynn

The chords are relative to capo 7th to make the guitar sound more like the mandolin its played on.

C C C C

 C Dm Am F
I was born with this story, it s older than I
 C Dm Am F
And yet you when you hear it you ll know in the sky
 C Dm Am F
In the wind of your knowledge, In the cut of your jib
 C Dm Am F
That the fibre of wind is as new from my lip
 C Dm Am F
As was ever and more and ever will be
 C Dm Am G F
 til the union we face casts us finally free

C

 F G C
For we in the love of an earth-bidden dance
 F G C
Stand enthralled of that, which from heaven, perchance
 F G C
Lets us move with the gifts we were given in grace
 F G Dm F C
And smile in the arms of Sweet William..mmmm s embrace

C C

William s wanderings took him abroad
Showed him the lay of the searcher s long road
To the place he stood now neath the black laden sky
And the crook of his father had brought fortune nigh
Read the sign where he looked, Not the bull, nor the bear
Nor a burly red lion, or the tortoise and hare

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 C Dm Am F
The end of the world was the name of the inn

C **Dm** **Am** **F**
Said fair William farewell to the world and its sin
C **C**
Its sin

C **Dm**
Full balmy was the winter air
Am **F**
All wet with what might die
C **Dm**
A wishing well, the ocean bear
Am **F**
A millpond in his eyes
C **Dm**
A glance to see from whence he came
Am **F**
For William with a landlocked turn
Dm **Dm**
Vermin what he stood to lose
Dm **Dm**
The skin-shot snakes and earthy worms

His boots trod soft inside the inn
His greeted all was here
Abrasive lowly nods came back
Then bent toward their beer
They must know I thought Willy now
They ve seen me come from miles
The thought was struck as whisky poured
And barmen gave all smiles

F **Am** **G** **Am**
Then followed this a curious thing
C
The eldest of the host
F **Am** **G** **Am**
Sang softly where he sat and drank
C
To love a worthy toast
F **Am** **G** **Am**
His song was of a stranger
C
Summoned for his rope
F **Am** **G** **Am**
In all would be to set us free
C
His song was strong and bold,

It went:

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