

Standing Stones
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[Intro]

Em C D Em C D
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Em D Em C Em D Em C

[Verse]

Em D C G Am G/B C
In one of these lonely Orkney Isles, there dwelled a maiden fair
Em D C G Am G/B C
Her cheeks were red, her eyes were blue, she had yellow, curling hair
Em D G D Em C
Which caught the eye and then the heart, of one who could never be
Em D C G Am G/B C
A lover of so true a maid or fair a form as she

[Verse]

Em D C G Am G/B C
Across the lake in Sandwick dwelled a youth she held most true
Em D C G Am G/B C
And ever since her infancy he had watched these eyes so blue
Em D G D Em C
The land runs out into the sea, it s a narrow neck of land
Em D C G Am G/B C
Where weird and grim the Standing Stones, in a circle where they stand

[Instrumental]

Em D Em C Em D Em C

[Verse]

Em D C G Am G/B C
One bonny moonlight Christmas Eve, they met at that sad place
Em D C G Am G/B C
With her heart in glee, the beams of love were shining on her face
Em D G D Em C
When her lover came and he grasped her hand, what loving words they said
Em D C G Am G/B C
They talked of future s happy days as through the stones they strayed

[Verse]

Em D C G Am G/B C
They walked toward the lovers stone and through it passed their hands
Em D C G Am G/B C
They plighted there a constant troth, sealed by love s steadfast bands
Em D G D Em C
He kissed his maid and then he watched her, that lonely bridge go o er
Em D C G Am G/B C
For little, little did he think, he wouldn t see his darling more

[Chorus]

Em **C** **D** **Em**
Standing Stones of the Orkney Isles
C **D**
Gazing out to sea
Em **C** **D** **Em**
Standing Stones of the Orkney Isles
C **D**
Bring my love to me

[Instrumental]

Em **D** **Em** **C** **Em** **D** **Em** **C**

[Verse]

Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
He turned his face toward his home, that home he did never see
Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
And you shall have the story as it was told to me
Em **D** **G** **D** **Em** **C**
When a form upon him sprang, with a dagger gleaming bright
Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
It pierced his heart and his dying screams disturbed the silent night

[Instrumental]

Em **C** **D** **Em** **C** **D**
Em **C** **D** **Em** **C** **D**
Em **D** **Em** **C**

[Verse]

Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
The maid had nearly reached her home when she was startled by a cry
Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
She turned to look around her and her love was standing by
Em **D** **G** **D** **Em** **C**
His hand was pointing to the stars, his eyes gazed at the light
Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
And with a smiling countenance he vanished from her sight

[Verse]

Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
She quickly turned and home she ran, not a word of this was said
Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
For well she knew at seeing his form that her faithful love was dead
Em **D** **G** **D** **Em** **C**
And from that day she pined away, not a smile seen on her face
Em **D** **C** **G** **Am** **G/B** **C**
With outstretched arms she went to meet him, in a brighter place

[Chorus]

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[Outro]

Em **C** **D** **Em** **C** **D**
Em **C** **D** **Em** **C** **D**
Em **C** **D** **Em** **C** **D**