

## ***The TOWN I LOVED SO WELL***

IN MY MEMORY I WILL ALWAYS SEE  
THE TOWN THAT I HAVE LOVED SO WELL  
WHERE OUR SCHOOL PLAYED BALL BY THE GASYARD WALL  
AND WE LAUGHED THROUGH THE SMOKE AND SMELL  
GOING HOME IN THE RAIN RUNNING UP THE DARK LANE  
PAST THE JAIL AND DOWN BESIDE THE FOUNTAIN  
THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS IN SO MANY MANY WAYS  
IN THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL.

IN THE EARLY MORN THE SHIRT FACTORY HORN  
CALLED WOMEN FROM CREGGAN, THE MOOR AND THE BOG  
WHILE THE MEN ON THE DOLE PLAYED A MOTHER'S ROLE:  
FED THE CHILDREN AND THEN WALKED THE DOG  
AND WHEN TIMES GOT ROUGH, THERE WAS JUST ABOUT ENOUGH  
BUT THEY SAW IT THROUGH WITHOUT COMPLAINING  
FOR DEEP INSIDE WAS A BURNING PRIDE  
FOR THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL.

THERE WAS MUSIC THERE IN THE DERRY AIR  
LIKE A LANGUAGE THAT WE COULD ALL UNDERSTAND  
I REMEMBER THE DAY WHEN I EARNED MY FIRST PAY  
AS I PLAYED IN A SMALL PICKUP BAND  
THERE I SPENT MY YOUTH AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH  
I WAS SAD TO LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND ME  
FOR I'D LEARNED ABOUT LIFE AND I'D FOUND A WIFE  
IN THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL.

BUT WHEN I RETURNED HOW MY EYES WERE BURNED  
TO SEE HOW A TOWN COULD BE BROUGHT TO ITS KNEES  
BY THE ARMoured CARS AND THE BOMBED OUT BARS  
AND THE GAS THAT HANGS ON TO EVERY BREEZE  
NOW THE ARMY'S INSTALLED BY THAT OLD GASYARD WALL  
AND THE DAMNED BARBED WIRE GETS HIGHER AND HIGHER  
WITH THEIR TANKS AND GUNS  
OH MY GOD, WHAT HAVE THEY DONE  
TO THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL?

NOW THE MUSIC'S GONE BUT THEY CARRY ON  
FOR THEIR SPIRIT'S BEEN BRUISED, NEVER BROKEN  
OH, THEY'LL NOT FORGET - STILL THEIR HEARTS ARE SET  
ON TOMORROW AND PEACE ONCE AGAIN  
NOW WHAT'S DONE IS DONE AND WHAT'S WON IS WON  
AND WHAT'S LOST IS LOST AND GONE FOREVER  
I CAN ONLY PRAY FOR A BRIGHT BRAND NEW DAY  
IN THE TOWN I LOVED SO WELL!