

Ballad of Glencoe

CHORUS

G C G
Oh, cruel was the snow that sweeps Glen-coe
D
And covers the grave o' Donald.
G C G
Oh, cruel was the foe that raped Glen-coe
C D G
And murdered the house of Mac-Donald.

G D G
They came in a blizzard, we offered them heat,
D G D
A roof for their heads, dry shoes for their feet.
G D G
We wined them and dined them, they ate of our meat
C D G
And they slept in the house of Mac-Donald.

G D G
They came from Fort William with murder in mind.
D G D
The Campbells had orders King William had signed.
G D G
"Put all to the sword"- these words underlined
C D G
"And leave none a-live called Mac-Donald".

G D G
They came in the night when the men were asleep,
D G D
This band of Argyles, through snow soft and deep.
G D G
Like murdering foxes a-mongst helpless sheep,
C D G
They slaughtered the house of Mac-Donald.

G D G
Some died in their beds at the hand of the foe.
D G D
Some fled in the night and were lost in the snow.
G D G
Some lived to ac-cuse him who struck the first blow,
C D G
But gone was the house of Mac-Donald.