

THE WEST'S ASLEEP

WHEN ALL BESIDE A VIGIL KEEP
THE WEST'S ASLEEP, THE WEST'S ASLEEP
ALAS AND WELL MAY ERIN WEEP
WHEN CONNACHT LIES IN SLUMBER DEEP.
THERE LAKE AND PLAIN SMILE FAIR AND FREE
'MID ROCKS THEIR GUARDIAN CHIVALRY
SING OH! - LET MAN LEARN LIBERTY
FROM CRASHING WIND AND LASHING SEA!

THAT CHAINLESS WAVE AND LOVELY LAND
FREEDOM AND NATIONHOOD DEMAND;
BE SURE THE GREAT GOD NEVER PLANNED
FOR SLUMBERING SLAVES A HOME SO GRAND.
AND LONG A BRAVE AND HAUGHTY RACE
HONORED AND SENTINELLED THE PLACE
SING OH! - NOT E'EN THEIR SONS' DISGRACE
CAN QUITE DESTROY THEIR GLORY'S TRACE.

FOR OFTEN IN O'CONNOR'S VAN
TO TRIUMPH DASHED EACH CONNACHT CLAN
AND FLEET AS DEER THE NORMANS RAN
THRU CORRSLIABH PASS AND ARDRAHAN
AND LATER TIMES SAW DEEDS AS BRAVE
AND GLORY GUARDS CLANRICARDE'S GRAVE
SING OH! - THEY DIED THEIR LAND TO SAVE
AT AUGHRIM'S SLOPES AND SHANNON'S WAVES

AND IF, WHEN ALL A VIGIL KEEP
THE WEST'S ASLEEP, THE WEST'S ASLEEP!
ALAS! AND WELL MAY ERIN WEEP
THAT CONNACHT LIES IN SLUMBER DEEP.
BUT HARK! A VOICE LIKE THUNDER SPAKE
"THE WEST'S AWAKE! THE WEST'S AWAKE!"
SING OH! - HURRAH! - LET ENGLAND QUAKE
WE'LL WATCH TILL DEATH FOR ERIN'S SAKE!