The Foggy Dew

Traditional Irish,

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Verse 1
Bm
                  Em
                        Α
                               Bm
As down the glen one Easter morn to a city fair rode I,
                        A Bm
There armed lines of marching men in squadrons passed me by;
               A Bm Em F#m Bm
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No pipe did hum, nor battle drum did sound it's loud tattoo,
                         Em A Bm
But the Angelus bell o'er the Liffey's swell rang out through the Foggy Dew.
Verse 2
Bm
                    Em
                                       Bm
Right proudly high o'er Dublin Town they hung out the flag of war,
                     Em A Bm Em Bm
Twas better die neath an Irish sky than at Suvla or Sud El Bar;
                    A Bm
                               Em F#m Bm
And from the plains of Royal Meath strong men came hurrying through,
                            Em A
                                                 Bm
While Brittania's Huns, with their long range guns, sailed in through the Foggy Dew.
                          Em
                                        Bm
But the bravest fell, and the requiem bell rang mournfully and clear,
                  Em A Bm Em Bm
For those who died the Eastertide in the springtime of the year.
                       A Bm Em F#m
While the world did gaze with deep amaze at those fearless men but few,
                    Em A Bm
Who bore the fight that freedom's light might shine through the Foggy Dew,
                             Em
                                  A
O, the night fell black, and the rifles crack made "Perfidious Albion" reel,
$Bm$ $Em$ A Bm Em Bm 'Mid the leaden rain, seven tongues of flame did shine o'er the lines of steel;
                          Bm
By each shinning blade a prayer was said that to Ireland her sons be true,
                       Em A Bm Em
And when morning broke still the war flag shook out it's folds in the Foggy Dew.
Verse 4
                                  Bm
                                                   Bm
                             Α
                                          Em
                  Em
'Twas England bade our Wild Geese go that small nations might be free,
                 Em A Bm Em Bm
But their lonely graves are by Suvla's waves or the fringe of the Great North Sea.
                            Bm Em F#m Bm
Oh had they died by Pearse's side or had fought with Cathal Brugha,
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m Bm} _{
m Em} _{
m A} _{
m Bm} _{
m Em} _{
m Bm} Their names we'd keep where the Fenians sleep, 'neath the shroud of the Foggy Dew
Verse 6
                  Em
                       Α
                               Bm Em
                                            Bm
Back through the glen I rode again, and my heart with grief was sore,
                  Em A Bm Em Bm
For I parted then with valient men who I never shall see more;
                           Bm Em F#m Bm
But to and from in my dreams I go, and I'd kneel and pray for you,
                         Em A Bm
For slavery fled, O glorious dead when you fell in the Foggy Dew.
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