

The Massacre Of Glencoe

The Corries version
"Colonel Robertson"



*Cruel is the snow that sweeps Glencoe
And covers the grave O' Donald
And cruel was the foe that raped Glencoe
And murdered the house o' MacDonald*

They came in the blizzard we offered them heat
A roof for their heads, dry shoes for their feet
We wined them and dined them, they ate all our meat
And they slept in the house of MacDonald

(chorus)

They came from Fort William with murder in mind
The Campbell had orders King William had signed
It all to them saw these words underlined
And leave none alive called MacDonald

(chorus)

They came in the night when the men were asleep
This band o' Argylles through snow soft and deep
Like murdering foxes among helpless sheep
They slaughtered the house o' MacDonald

(chorus)

Some died in their beds at the hand of the foe
Some fled in the night, were lost in the snow
Some lived to accuse them for struck the first blow
But gone was the house of MacDonald

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