

“You cannot conquer Ireland, you cannot extinguish the Irish passion for freedom. If our deed has not been sufficient to win freedom, then our children will win it by a better deed.”

- Padraig Pearse

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Come on the Hoops!

- Mike Fox

Track Listing

1. Michael Davitt (The Story of a Celtic Man)

M.Fox 5.08

I remember Kiltane football legend Paddy Joe Carey, telling me of the connection between Michael Davitt and Glasgow Celtic, which was news to me, and many others as well. So I thought we need to get this bit of Celtic history into song, here's the result. Cheers Paddy!

2. Toast To You Galway

(Unknown, additional lyrics Fox/Graham) 4.30

I remember my dad had a great tenor voice. Of the many songs he had, this stands out. I grew up in Leigh, Lancashire. Like many Irish emigrants my father was a miner, “darnt pit” we’d say. Back from Saint Joey’s club to the house for a sing-song. This is what I’d hear. - For all the sons and daughters of old miners still living around Leigh.

3. Mayo Martyrs

(Robinson/Fox) 4.05

I remember listening to Laimy McNally’s “Dying For The Cause”, on Midwest Radio, Sunday mornings, about the three Mayo men who died on hunger strike, thinking there is no song that mentions

the three men. So with the help and permission of Seamus Robinson (Take me home to Mayo) and an old song of his, “Brave Frank Stagg” became “Mayo Martyrs”.

4. Redemption Song

(Bob Marley) 3.54

I remember this to be the anthem of freedom songs, and while recording this a black man became President. How cool is that!

5. Only Our Rivers Run Free

(M. Connell) 4.20

I remember that Ireland is still not free.

6. Billy Reid

(Unknown) 3.19

I remember to do this song every night I gig... We love it!

7. Four Leaf Clover

(Unknown, additional lyrics M. Fox) 3.39

I remember the buzz doing a gig after a Celtic game. They make you feel like U2, as long as you know the songs. Hail! Hail!

8. Dying rebel

(Unknown) 4.41

I remember this song being sung at the house parties in Leigh. I didn’t really understand it back then, but remember how it would capture everyone. Great song!

9. Pardon Me For Smiling

(O’Glacain) 3.14

I remember Tuesday July 31st 2007. Playing at the Celtic Bar Bundoran, the day they said the Watchtowers would come down, and thousands of soldiers would leave the North. That was a lively night!

10. Michael

(McEvoy) 4.55

I remember hearing the arguments about Dev and Michael Collins from the old guys living in England, who was right and who was wrong, we’ll never know.

11. Roll Of Honour

(O’Glacain) 4.52

I remember the night Bobby Sands died. I was playing in a showband in the North. There was something in the air that night, it took forever to get back to Mayo. So many roads were closed, we were all a bit on edge, you could sense that history was happening.

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In memory of Big Molly



12. The Town I Loved So Well

(Coulter) 6.11

I remember we spent a couple of days in Derry some years ago, just to stand in the Bogside and think what went on, it would bring a chill to your spine. For all the lovely Derry folk, wherever you are!



Me with my two beloved Shar-peis, Podge & Molly.

Credits:

Acoustic Guitars: Pat Coyne, Mike Fox,

Electric Guitar: Gerry Trayers

Electric Bass: John Flatley

Double Bass: Paul O'Driscoll

Drums: Ian McDonnell, Paddy (f.....g)

Higgins

Percussion: Paddy (f.....g) Higgins

Bodhran: Mike Fox Jnr

Fiddle: Dezi Donnelly, Sean Regan.

Viola, Mandola: Sean Regan

Uilleann Pipes, Low Whistle,

High Whistle, Flute: Mike Mcgoldrick

Accordian: Barry Brady

Backing Vocals: Dan Trayers, Mike Fox,

Pat Coyne

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