

Traditional Irish Music

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Caledonia

(Dougie MacLean)

Verse 1:

C G Am F
I don't know if you can see, the changes that have come over me.
C G Am F
In these last few days I've been afraid, that I might drift away.
C Am F
I've been telling old stories, singing songs, that make me think about where I come from.
C G Am F
That's the reason why I seem so far away today.

Chorus:

C G Am F
Let me tell you that I love you, that I think about you all the time.
C G C
Caledonia you're calling me, now I'm going home.
C G Am F
But if I shall become a stranger, know that it would make me more than sad,
G C
Caledonia's been everything I've ever had.

Verse 2:

Now I have moved and kept on moving, proved the points that I needed proving,
Lost the friends that I needed losing, found others on the way.
I have kissed the lads and left them crying, stolen dreams, yes there's no denying,
I have travelled hard sometimes with conscience flying, somewhere in the wind.

Chorus:

Verse 3:

Now I'm sitting here before the fire, the empty room, a forest choir,
The flames have cooled. don't get any higher, they've withered now they've gone.
But I'm steady thinking my way is clear, and I know what I will do tomorrow,
When hands have shaken, the kisses flowed, then I will disappear.

Chorus: