

The Orange And The Green

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Chorus: C Am G
Oh, it is the biggest mix-up that you have ever seen.
 F C F G7 C
My father, he was Orange and me mother, she was green.

 C Am G
1. My father was an Ulster man, proud Protestant was he.
 F C G C
My mother was a Catholic girl, from county Cork was she.
 C Am G
They were married in two churches, lived happily enough,
 F C F G7 C
Until the day that I was born and things got rather tough.

 C Am G
2. Baptized by Father Riley, I was rushed away by car,
 F C G C
To be made a little Orangeman, my father's shining star.
 C Am G
I was christened "David Anthony," but still, inspite of that,
 F C F G7 C
To me father, I was William, while my mother called me Pat.

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3. With Mother every Sunday, to Mass I'd proudly stroll.
 F C G C
Then after that, the Orange lodge would try to save my soul.
 C Am G
For both sides tried to claim me, but I was smart because
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I'd play the flute or play the harp, depending where I was.

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 4. Now when I'd sing those rebel songs, much to me mother's joy,
 F C G C
 Me father would jump up and say, "Look here would you me boy.
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 That's quite enough of that lot", he'd then toss me a coin
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 And he'd have me sing the Orange Flute or the Heros of The Boyne

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 5. One day me Ma's relations came round to visit me.
 F C G C
 Just as my father's kinfolk were all sitting down to tea.
 C Am G
 We tried to smooth things over, but they all began to fight.
 F C F G7 C
 And me, being strictly neutral, I bashed everyone in sight.

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 6. My parents never could agree about my type of school.
 F C G C
 My learning was all done at home, that's why I'm such a fool.
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 They've both passed on, God rest 'em, but left me caught between
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 That awful color problem of the Orange and the Green.

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 (Repeat chorus)