



**G** **C** **D** **G**  
It was on a Sunday morning when the awful news came 'round.

**Em** **D** **C**  
There'd been another killing outside of Caplan town.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
We knew that Isaac danced up there, we knew he liked the band.

**Em** **D** **C**  
We heard that he was dead, and we just could not understand.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
We gathered at his graveside on a cold and rainy day.

**Em** **D** **C**  
The minister just closed his eyes, and for no revenge he prayed.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
And those of us who knew him from along the Ryan Road,

**Em** **D** **C** **G**  
Just bowed our heads and said a prayer for the resting of his soul.

**C G C G** **C G** */ Em* **D** *C /*  
There were roses, roses, there were roses. And the tears of the people ran together.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
Now fear it filled the countryside, and fear filled every home.

**Em** **D** **C**  
And late one night, a car came prowling round the Ryan Road.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
A Catholic would be killed tonight to even up the score.

**Em** **D** **C**  
Oh Christ, it's young MacDonald that they've taken from the door.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
"Isaac was my friend!" he cried, he begged them with his fear.

**Em** **D** **C**  
But centuries of hatred have ears that cannot hear.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
"An eye for an eye" was all that filled their minds.

**Em** **D** **C** **G**  
And another eye for another eye, til everyone is blind.

**C G C G** **C G** */ Em* **D** *C /*  
There were roses, roses, there were roses. And the tears of the people ran together.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
Now I don't know where the moral is, or how this song should end.

**Em** **D** **C**  
But I wonder just how many wars are fought between good friends.

**G** **C** **D** **G**  
And the men who give the orders, well, they're not the ones who die.

**Em** **D** **C** **G**  
It's Scott and MacDonald and the likes of you and I.

**C G C G** **C G** **Em** **D** **C**  
There were roses, roses, there were roses. And the tears of the people ran together.

**C G C G** **C G.....** **Em** **D** **C**  
There were roses, roses, there were roses.