**FAMILY SECRETS**

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**D G**

Off the coast of Ireland my mother’s parents came.

**D Bm Em A**

Landed in Hell’s Kitchen long before I had a name.

**Bm Bm7 G Gm**

“Don’t tell a soul what I’ve said to you,”

**D G A D**

My father whispered – I don’t know if it was true.

**G A D Bm G A7 D**

Outside the wind is blowin’ co--o--old – -- family secrets remain untold.

My uncle was in Rikers – had a shamrock tattoo.

Ran with the Westies back in nineteen eighty-two.

He told me how to steal – how to cheat and lie;

To this day I don’t know how that man died.

Outside the wind is blowin’ co--o--old – -- family secrets remain untold..

**G A7 D**

Grandma would take me into church every day.

**G A**

We’d go to the Blarney Cove after we’d prayed.

**Bm Bm7 E7**

Sawdust on the floor – whiskey on our lips.

**G Em A7**

Burnt-out Chesterfield between her fingertips.

They’re all gone now – into the light of day.

And to the Iris Islands where there’s nothing left to say.

To the quiet meaning of blood ties that fade.

Where unanswered questions are taken to the grave.

**G A D Bm G A7 D**

Still outside the wind is blowin’ co—o--old – --family secrets remain untold.

**G A D**

Down the line, down the road –

**G A Bm E7 G Gm**

Family secrets, family secrets