

THROW THE VANDALS IN COURT

The lyrics to this song are from a 1938 work by the Welsh poet Idris Davies, later set to music by Pete Seeger, and first released in 1958 on an album Pete recorded with Sonny Terry. The song was made more famous in 1960's recordings by the Byrds, Judy Collins and others. You can hear how Pete Seeger performed it in 1964 at a concert in Australia at the link below. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK_eVaLeiQ0, Pete takes careful pains to pronounce the Welsh place names correctly in this performance, which makes it useful for learning purposes.

BELLS OF RHYMNEY

Idris Davies/Pete Seeger

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Oh what will you give me?

G F#m E D

Say the sad bells of Rhymney.

Is there hope for the future?

C Em A

Cry the brown bells of Merthyr.

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Who made the mine owner?

C Em A

Say the black bells of Rhondda.

D

And who robbed the miner?

G F#m E D

Cry the grim bells of Blaina.

They will plunder will-nilly,

Cry the bells of Caerphilly.

They have fangs, they have teeth,

Shout the loud bells of Neath.

Even God is uneasy,

Say the moist bells of Swansea.

And what will you give me?

Say the sad bells of Rhymney.

Throw the vandals in court,

Say the bells of Newport.

All will be well if, if, if, if, if

Cry the green bells of Cardiff.

Why so worried, sisters why?

Sang the silver bells of Wye.

And what will you give me?

Say the sad bells of Rhymney