

THEY ATE OF OUR MEAT

On February 13, 1692, an estimated 30 members and associates of Clan MacDonald of Glen Coe were killed by government forces for failing to pledge allegiance to the new monarchs, William III of Scotland and Mary II. The MacDonalds were Jacobites, participating in an uprising to restore James II to the throne. The government of William III sought to make a brutal example of them for all the Jacobites. This tactic worked; the uprising in the Highlands ended with the massacre of Glen Coe. You can hear a nice version of this song by The Corries at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cPitxtk4m0>. I have transcribed it in D. The Corries sing it all the way up in G. You can Capo V and play along with them. I couldn't make out their verse that mentioned Argyle. Maybe you can.

Massacre of Glencoe

D

G

D

Oh, cruel is the snow that sweeps Glencoe

D

A7

And covers the grave o' Donald

D

G

D

Oh, cruel was the foe who raped Glencoe

G

A7

D

And murdered the house of MacDonald

D

A7

D

They came in a blizzard, we offered them heat

A7

D

A7

A roof for their heads, dry shoes for their feet

D

A7

D

Bm

We wined them and dined them, they ate of our meat

G

A7

D

And they slept in the house of MacDonald

Oh, cruel is the snow that sweeps Glencoe

And covers the grave o' Donald

Oh, cruel was the foe who raped Glencoe

And murdered the house of MacDonald

They came from Fort William with murder in mind

The Campbell had orders King William had signed

"Put all to the sword"- these words underlined

"And leave none alive called MacDonald"

Some died in their beds at the hand of the foe

Some fled in the night and were lost in the snow

Some lived to accuse him who struck the first blow

But gone was the house of MacDonald

Oh, cruel is the snow that sweeps Glencoe

And covers the grave o' Donald

Oh, cruel was the foe who raped Glencoe

And murdered the house of MacDonald