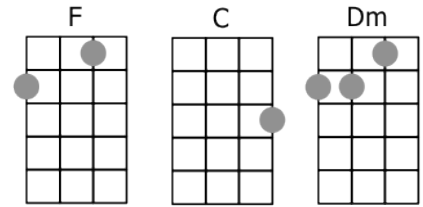


117. Jamie Foyers (in dialect)

Words : Ewan MacColl / Music : Trad.

Lyrics as sung by Dick Gaughan



It's a folk song!

Faur [F] distant, faur [C] distant, lies [F] Foyers the [C] brave
[C] Nae [F] tombstone [C] memorial shall [F] hallow his [C] grave
[C] For his [F] bones they lie [C] scattered on the [F] rude soil o' [C] Spain
[C] An young [F] Jamie [Dm] Foyers in [C] battle wis [F] slain

He's [F] gane frae the [C] shipyard that [F] stauns on the [C] Clyde
[C] His [F] haimmer lies [C] idle, his [F] tools laid a[C]side
[C] Tae the [F] wide Ebro [C] river young [F] Foyers has [C] gane
[C] Tae [F] fight by the [Dm] side o' the [C] people o' [F] Spain

Thair [F] wisnae his [C] equal at [F] wark or at [C] play
[C] He wis [F] strang in the [C] Union till [F] his dying [C] day
[C] He wis [F] grand at the [C] fitbaa, at the [F] dance he wis [C] braw
[C] Young [F] Jamie [Dm] Foyers wis the [C] flouer o' thaim [F] aaw

He cam [F] hame frae the [C] shipyard, took aff [F] his warkin [C] claes
[C] O, A [F] mind the time [C] weill in the [F] lang simmer's [C] days
[C] He said, [F] "Thinknae lang, [C] lassie, A'll [F] come back [C] again"
[C] But young [F] Jamie [Dm] Foyers in [C] battle wis [F] slain

In the [F] fight for Bel[C]cite, he was [F] aye tae the [C] fore
[C] An he [F] focht at Gand[C]esa till he [F] couldnae fight [C] more
[C] For he lay [F] owre his ma[C]chine gun wi a [F] bullet in his [C] brain
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