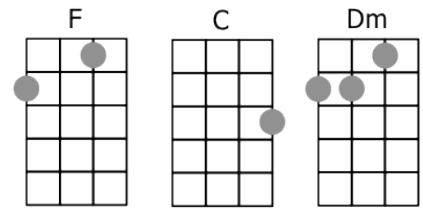


117. Jamie Foyers (plain English)

Words : Ewan MacColl / Music : Trad.

Lyrics as not sung by Dick Gaughan



It's a folk song!

Far [F] distant, far [C] distant, lies [F] Foyers the [C] brave
[C] No [F] tombstone [C] memorial shall [F] hallow his [C] grave
[C] For his [F] bones they lie [C] scattered on the [F] rude soil of [C] Spain
[C] And young [F] Jamie [Dm] Foyers in [C] battle was [F] slain

He's [F] gone from the [C] shipyard that [F] stands on the [C] Clyde
[C] His [F] hammer lies [C] idle, his [F] tools laid a [C] side
[C] To the [F] wide Ebro [C] river young [F] Foyers has [C] gone
[C] To [F] fight by the [Dm] side of the [C] people of [F] Spain

There [F] wasn't his [C] equal at [F] work or at [C] play
[C] He was [F] strong in the [C] Union till [F] his dying [C] day
[C] He was [F] grand at the [C] football, at the [F] dance he was [C] braw
[C] Young [F] Jamie [Dm] Foyers was the [C] flower of them [F] all

He came [F] home from the [C] shipyard, took off [F] his working [C] clothes
[C] Oh, I [F] mind the time [C] well in the [F] long summer's [C] days
[C] He said, [F] "Think not long, [C] lassie, I'll [F] come back [C] again"
[C] But young [F] Jamie [Dm] Foyers in [C] battle was [F] slain

In the [F] fight for Bel[C]cite, he was [F] up to the [C] fore
[C] And he [F] fought at Gand[C]esa till he [F] couldn't fight [C] more
[C] For he lay [F] over his ma[C]chine gun with a [F] bullet in his [C] brain
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The river Ebro in 1938 was the starting ground of one of the most famous Republican offensives of the Spanish Civil War. Known as the Battle of the Ebro, the offensive ended in defeat for the Republican forces, although they enjoyed success in its first stages. They were not able to reach their objective of Gandesa.

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