

## FOUR GREEN FIELDS

What did I have , said the fine old woman ,  
What did I have , said the fine old woman to me ,  
I had four green fields , each one was a jewel  
till strangers came and tried to take them from me .  
I had five strong sons who fought to save the jewel  
They fought and they died , and that was my grief said she .  
Long time ago said the fine old woman  
Long time ago this proud old woman did say  
There was war and death , plundering and ruin ,  
My children they died , o'er mountain, valley and stream  
And the wailing cry that shook the very Heavens  
And my four green fields ran red with their blood said she .  
What have I now, said the fine old woman  
What have I now, this sad old woman did say,  
I have four green fields, one of them is blighted  
By strangers hand who tried to keep it from me.  
But my sons have sons , as brave as were their fathers ,  
And my Four Green Fields will bloom once again said she .

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## IRISH LAW

" Irish law was invented by a Firbolg solicitor , named Brehon Coad . The chief part of Irish Law was a fine called Eric , which could be paid little by little to the man who was murdered , and if he refused to take it that way, he could be killed for nothing . This was known as the Installment System, which was due to Lughaidh Lamh Fada , now also known as Long Fingered Louis . According to Irish Law of the time, nobody could cut a stick in a fort , look at a magpie , or take a red-haired woman with two left legs on a journey . When the Feis Mor was held at Tara no man was allowed to injure or kill a neighbour until it was over . Sometimes a prisoner was made swallow a redhot iron to see if he was guilty . This was known as Trial by Error . "

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## An Bunáin Bui --- Yellow Bittern

Cathal Bui MacGiolla Gunna , a rake of a poet , found a bittern ( bunain bui ) one winter's morning , when the country was in the grip of a long frost, lying dead on thick ice which covered a lake . Cathal , who may have been suffering from the night before , concluded that the bird had died from thirst, and this he thought was an unfortunate end which he himself should avoid .

" O bhunáin bui , sé na léan do lui ,  
Is do chnáma sínte tar éis go ghrinn;  
Is chan easpa bídh , ach diobhail dí ,  
A d'fhág id lui tú ar chúl do chinn . "

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Let us restore the Republic of Pearse and Connolly

The Sinn Fein proposal for a National Parliament with Regional Government , including a parliament for the nine counties of Ulster , is the only credible proposal for the structure of a 32-County Republic . It represents a guarantee to the Unionists that they would not be swamped in an All-Ireland Republic . Decentralised regional government would serve the needs of all our people by bringing decision-making back to them .

Eire Nua , envisages the nationalisation of finance , building land , mines , fishing rights , and all key industries; the setting up of a wide range of co-operative enterprises in production , distribution and exchange , with private enterprise having a much smaller role than it has today . Credit Unions and farming co-operatives will play an important role in economic development . Sinn Fein social policy , based on Conhar na gComharsan philosophy , is founded on the right of worker ownership and is native to the Irish way of life as well as being co-operative or distributist in character . Under this plan each individual worker would own an economic unit of the means of production -- farm workshop, business or share in a factory or other co-operative . Here is real industrial democracy .

" If you remove the English army tomorrow and hoist the green flag over Dublin Castle , unless you set about the organisation of the Socialist Republic your efforts would be in vain . She would rule you through her capitalists , through her landlords , through the whole array of commercial and individualist institutions she has planted in this country ."

James Connolly .

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The Bournbrook , Solly Oak Free & Easy

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