

THEY CAME AT DAWN FROM OUT THE DARKNESS
SWORDS AND TORCHES IN THEIR HANDS
THEY SAID IT WAS THE CHIEFTAIN'S ORDERS
CLEAR THE HILLSIDES AND THE GLENS
NO MORE WE'D SMELL THE BROOM AND THE HEATHER
SHARE THE BANNOCK WITH OUR KIN
BE LAID TO REST BESIDE OUR FATHERS
IT ALMOST BROKE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS
TO BOARD THE SHIP, THE SHIP OF TEARS
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WE CROSSED THE SEA TO FLEE THE HUNGER
WASTED RAGS OF SKIN AND BONE
THE FIELDS WE LEFT WERE BLACK AND BARREN
A RAVAGED LAND NO LONGER HOME
THE COFFIN SHIPS WERE FILLED WITH MOURNING
WE'D ONE LAST LOOK BACK TO THE LAND
THE QUIET MEN, THE WOMEN KEENING
IT ALMOST BROKE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS
TO LEAVE THE FIELDS, THE FIELDS OF TEARS
TO LEAVE THE FIELDS, THE FIELDS OF TEARS

THEY CAME IN FLOODS IN COVERED WAGONS
DROVE ACROSS OUR ANCIENT LANDS
THEY SAID TO SCORN OUR ELDERS' WISDOM
TAKE THE PATH THEIR LORD COMMANDS
THEY STOLE OUR HILLS, THEY STOLE OUR RIVERS
THE MOTHER EARTH WITH WHOM WE'RE JOINED
THEY LED US FROM OUR SPIRIT FATHERS
IT ALMOST BROKE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS
TO WALK THE TRAIL, THE TRAIL OF TEARS
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THEY CAME IN WAVES ACROSS THE BORDER
HELMETS GLISTENING IN THE SUN
THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD BRING US ORDER
AND FIND THE ENEMY WITHIN
OUR NEIGHBOURS NEVER THOUGHT OF LEAVING
BUT THEY WERE TAKEN IN THE NIGHT
WE HEARD THE CRASHING AND THE SCREAMING
THEY MUST HAVE LOST THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS
UPON THE TRAIN, THE TRAIN OF TEARS
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THEY CAME IN HORDES ACROSS THE DESERT
STORMS OF DUST THAT SEAR THE SKIN
THEY SAID THEY'D COME FOR OUR OPPRESSOR
AND THEY WOULD MAKE A MEAL OF HIM
THEY SAID THAT WE WOULD EARN OUT FREEDOM
AND COME TO SEE THEIR WAY IS RIGHT
BUT STILL WE WEEP AND WE ARE BLEEDING
THEY HAVE NOT WON OUR HEARTS AND MINDS
WE'RE ON THE ROAD, THE ROAD OF TEARS
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IT NEVER ENDS, THE ROAD OF TEARS, THE ROAD OF TEARS