

CITY OF THE TREATY STONE

Words and Music by Tadhg Horan.

I

A message reached the castle walls the Williamites were on their way
All along the watch tower the bells rang out that day
History in the making it was time to make a stand.
A hero was what was needed and Sarsfield was at hand.

II

O'Hogan rode by Sarsfield's side they were Ballyneety bound
King William's ammunition train a-resting there they found
Then followed an explosion that lit the midnight sky
They came in by St. John's Gate and Sarsfield was the cry.

III

On the morning of an August day the first seige it began
The courage of each woman gave heart to every man
As high upon the ramparts they answered freedom's call
Ginkle's men tried everything but couldn't breach that wall.

VI

Springtime 1691 saw the second seige begin
But for the Saxon on the outside there was no way in
Shouts of " No Surrender " from the boys of Garryowen
A treaty was agreed upon and they signed it on a stone

V

October third the people sang their spirits they were high
But the treaty it was broken before the ink was dry
Their battle being over the Wild geese they had flown
Unsuspecting treachery in their City of the Treaty Stone

VI

Three hundred years the stone has stood by the lordly Shannon's side
The symbol of a City it's people and their pride
Who's welcome for the stranger throughout the world is known
As they come to see the beauty of our City of the Treaty Stone

VII

Limerick you're A Lady we will sing for you
A song of celebration your dreams are coming true
Home is where the heart is and our hearts have found a home
And we will never leave you our City of the Treaty Stone.