In Another Life

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Redcoats burned our Highland home
Wife and family up in smoke
I believe someday I'll see them again
I'll greet them in a greener glen
Face the north wind flags unfold
I'll fight for a clan of one truth told
Not afraid to die not afraid to go
Tell them I'm returning home
To another life

Unearth the sword I foreswore to use
When all is lost there's nothing to lose
Hunger and thirst are nothing to me
I'll bend to no man on my knee
Keen my glance, sharpen my blade
They'll learn a different tune today
Tread softly for you tread on my grave
Drums in the clouds, pipers play
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Some men sell their country for gold
Sell their children, squander their soul
Keep your council while others rave
The loudest tongues easily betrayed
I dream standing up when I have the time
Drowned by an English hand
Bury me quick, bury me still
In yon riverbed if fate wills
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