

## Celtic Tiger

words and music by Lindsey Eck

The mighty Celtic tiger lies bleeding in the snow  
*Who felled the fearsome animal?* the peasants want to know  
'Twas no one's aim to kill the beast nor still her thunderous roar  
They only meant to chain her up the way she was before

They captured her with treachery, hypocrisy, and greed  
Along with her all Ireland must suffer, cry, and bleed  
To European bankers the hungry beast was sold  
A tiger can be hypnotized with shining chains of gold

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Blame it on the Germans who have got hold of the banks  
It didn't take no armies and it didn't take no tanks  
Want to know who shot the tiger? Look among you in the ranks

You can borrow it in dollars, borrow it in quid  
You'll pay it back in sorrow, and so will all your kids  
Borrow it in yuan or yen or won or Scottish pounds  
They're only taking euros when the tax bill's handed down

Vacant flats like gaping skulls along the Irish Sea  
Broken windows, empty shops, and idle factories  
A generation bartered for a momentary boom  
Made to pay the trappers who have sealed the tiger's doom

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*Chords (no capo)*

6/8 meter

Verses

F#m | % | A | E |  
F#m | % | C# | % |  
D | A | E | D |  
||: F#m | % | D E | F#m :||

Chorus

A | Bm | F#m [ E |  
A | D | F#m | E |  
F#m | % | Bm | % |  
D | F#m | D E | F#m |

*Chords (capo 2nd fret)*

6/8 meter

Verses

Em | % | G | D |  
Em | % | B | % |  
C | G | D | C |  
||: Em | % | C D | Em :||

Chorus

G | Am | Em [ D |  
G | C | Em | D |  
Em | % | Am | % |  
C | Em | C D | Em |

