

The Body of an American - The Pogues

[Slow]

C F  
The Cadillac stood by the house  
C  
And the yanks they were within  
C F  
And the tinker boys they hissed advice  
C G  
'Hot-wire her with a pin'  
C F  
So we turned and shook as we had a look  
C G  
In the room where the dead man lay  
C F C  
So big Jim Dwyer made his last trip  
F C  
To the shores where his father's laid

[Fast]

C  
But fifteen minutes later  
F C  
We had our first taste of whiskey  
C  
There was uncles giving lectures  
F G  
On ancient Irish history  
F  
The men all started telling jokes  
C G  
And the women they got frisky  
C  
At five o'clock in the evening  
F G  
Every bastard there was piskey

C G  
Fare thee well going away  
C  
theres nothing left to say  
C  
Farewell to New York City boys  
C G  
To Boston and PA  
F  
He took them out  
With a well-aimed clout  
C G  
He was often heard to say  
C F G C  
I'm a free born man of the USA

C  
He fought the champ in Pittsburgh  
F C  
And he slashed him to the ground  
C  
He took on Tiny Tartanella  
F G  
And it only went one round  
F  
He never had no time for reds

C G  
For drink or dice or whores  
C C  
And he never threw a fight  
Unless the fight was right  
F G  
So they sent him to the war  
C G  
Fare thee well going away  
F C  
theres nothing left to say  
F  
With a slainte Joe and Erin go  
C G  
My love's in Amerikay  
F  
The calling of the rosary  
C G  
Spanish wine from far away  
C F G C  
I'm a free born man of the USA

C  
This morning on the harbour  
F C  
When I said goodbye to you  
C  
I remember how I swore  
F G  
That I'd come back to you one day  
F  
And as the sunset came to meet  
C G  
The evening on the hill  
C C  
I told you I'd always love you  
F G  
I always did and I always will

C G  
Fare thee well, going away  
F C  
there's nothing left to say  
F  
'cept to say adieu  
C  
To your eyes as blue  
G  
As the water in the bay  
F  
And to big Jim Dwyer  
the man of the wire  
C G  
who was often heard to say  
C F G C  
I'm a free born man of the USA  
C F G C  
Free born man of the USA  
C F G C  
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C F G C  
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