

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection



Caledonia (Dougie MacLean)

1 ^D I don't know if you can see the changes that have come over me, in these
^D last few days I've been afraid that I might drift away; ^{F#m} So I've been
^D telling old stories, singing songs that make me think about where I came
^D from, and that's the reason why I seem so far away today. ^{F#m} Oh, and

Ch ^D Let me tell you that I love you, and I think about you all the time,
^G Caledonia, you're calling me, and now I'm going home.
^D For if I should become a stranger, you know that it would make me more
^G than sad, ^A Caledonia's been everything I've ever had.

2 ^D I have moved and I've kept on moving, proved the points that I needed proving,
^D Lost the friends that I needed losing, found others on the way. ^{F#m} Oh, and
^D I have tried and I kept on trying, stolen dreams, yes there's no denying,
^D I have traveled hard, with conscience flying, somewhere with the wind, ^{F#m} Oh well

[Chorus]

3 ^D Now I'm sitting here before the fire, the empty room, the forest choir,
^D The flames that couldn't get any higher - they've withered now they've gone;
^D But I'm steady thinking, my way is clear and I know what I will do tomorrow,
^D When the hands have shaken and the kisses flowed then I will disappear.

[Chorus] + D—

Composed by Perthshire folksinger Dougie MacLean in 1977. It gained further popularity in 1991 when Frankie Miller sang it for a beer advert, and subsequently released it as a single.

