

# The Orange And The Green

Anthony Murphy (as recorded by the Irish Rovers 1967)

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Oh, my [G] father was an Ulsterman, proud [D] Protestant was he  
My [C] mother was a [G] Catholic girl from [D] county Cork was [G] she  
They were [Em] married in two churches, lived [Am] happily e-[D]nough  
Un-[C]til the day that [G] I was born and [D] things got rather [G]↓ tough

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Bap-[G]tized by Father Reilly I was [D] rushed away by car  
To be [C] made a little [G] Orangemen, me [D] father's shinin' [G] star  
I was [Em] christened David Anthony but [Am] still in spite of [D] that  
To my [C] father I was [G] William while my [D] mother called me [G]↓ Pat

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With [G] mother every Sunday, to [D] mass I'd proudly stroll  
Then [C] after that the [G] Orange Lodge would [D] try to save my [G] soul  
For [Em] both sides tried to claim me, but [Am] I was smart be-[D]cause  
I'd [C] play the flute, or [G] play the harp de-[D]pendin' where I [G]↓ was

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One [G] day me Ma's relations, came [D] round to visit me  
Just [C] as my father's [G] kinfolk were all [D] sittin' down to [G] tea  
We [Em] tried to smooth things over, but they [Am] all began to [D] fight  
And [C] me being strictly [G] neutral I bashed [D] everyone in [G]↓ sight

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Now my [G] parents never could agree a-[D]bout my type of school  
My [C] learnin' was all [G] done at home, that's [D] why I'm such a [G] fool  
They [Em] both passed on, God rest 'em, but [Am] left me caught be-[D]tween  
That [C] awful colour [G] problem of the [D] Orange and the [G]↓ Green

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