

## South Kerry 1867

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It was a cold February in 1867,  
The rain it came pouring down from heaven,  
The Fenians knew that they had to fight,  
And stand up for what was right.

The men from Caherciveen were in mighty form,  
The towering barracks they were going to storm,  
Things didn't go their way  
For the South Kerry Fenians it was a bad day.

The Caherciveen boys found it no hassle  
To fly the tri colour on Ballycarbery Castle,  
The men all sang a happy song,  
But their success didn't last long.

The Valentia Fenians head for the Cable Station,  
To help break free the Irish nation,  
Everything was going great,  
Until the HMS Gladiator changed their fate.

The Filemore men all left their farms,  
To gather and seize fire arms,  
They hit the coastguard station near the sea,  
With guns and weapons they did flee.

Along to Killarney all the men trailed,  
On the way they heard that the rising had failed,  
They did not lose hope, for the light they had seen,  
They would never give up on the fight for the green.

So men from South Kerry we think you were strong,  
The memory of you will always live long,  
You knew that you had to fight,  
And stand up for what was right.