

# Archiebel Wilson And The Boys Of Conlig

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Thomascow's version composition and recording of Archiebel Wilson and the boys of Conlig, It is inspired by the inscription taken from Archie's tombstone in Bangor Abbey county down Ireland, [founded by the monk Comgall 555 AD] this young Conlig man was hung and decapitated at the early age of 26 in 1798, he led the Conlig and Bangor contingent at the Battle of Ballinahinch, under the command of Henry Munro a linen merchant from Lisburn. Wilson was a stone mason and he made and inscribed his own epitaph upon the slate tablet which still stands today. During this period the Rev. James Hamilton Clewlow was in charge of the abbey and its grave yard. He supervised Archie's burial and the inscription which he greatly censored its final declaration reads word for word as follows... MORN NOT DEER FREND'S THO IM NO MORE THO I WAS MARTYRED YOUR EYES BEFORE I AM NOT DEAD BUT DO SLEEP HERE AND YET ONCE MORE I WILL APPEAR THAT IS WHEN TIME WILL BE NO MORE WHEN THEY BE JUDGED WHO FALSELY SORE AND THEM THAT JUDGED WILL BE JUDGED BE WHITHER JUST OR UNJUST THEN THEY WILL SEE PURPERE DEER FRIEND FOR THAT GREAT DAY WHEN DEATH DISSEMINATES YOU AWAY I WILL AWAIT YOU WITH DUE CARE IN HEAVEN WITH JOY TO MEET YOU THERE, Some have undermined the spelling as crude but it was as it was in that area and at that period. Regarding the censoring the final line that reads; IN HEAVEN WITH JOY TO MEET YOU THERE, was originally IN HEAVEN WITH HENRY JOY TO MEET YOU THERE. This was referring to a cotton manufacturer and industrialist, Presbyterian, who was hung in Corn Market, Belfast on July 17, 1798 for leading the revolt in the Battle of Antrim. The son of Francis Joy founder of The News Letter one of Northern Ireland's main daily newspapers, published Monday to Saturday. It is the oldest English language general daily newspaper still in publication in the world, having first been printed in 1737. Henry Joy was 5 years older than Archie and he had become Archie's hero as he grew and developed in Ulster Ireland. Sadly the tomb and its history are ignored to this day by the local Bangor and Belfast schools.

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