

Now I'm Easy

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(here as played by The Dubliners, capo 2)

Intro **G D C G**

G **C**
For nearly sixty years, I've been a Cockie
G **D** **C**
Of droughts and fires and floods I've lived through plenty
G **C** **G**
This country's dust and mud have seen my tears and blood
D **C** **G**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

G **C**
I married a fine girl when I was twenty
G **D** **C**
She died in giving birth when she was thirty
G **C** **G**
No flying doctor then, just a gentle old black 'gin
D **C** **G**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

G **C**
She left me with two sons and a daughter
G **D** **C**
And a bone-dry farm whose soil cried out for a water
G **C** **G**
So me care was rough and ready, they grew up fine and steady
D **C** **G**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

G **C**
Me daughter married young, and went her own way
G **D** **C**
Me sons lie buried by the Burma Railway
G **C** **G**
So on this land I've made me home, I've carried on alone
D **C** **G**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

Bridge: one verse instrumental

G **C**
Our city folks these days despise the Cockie
G **D** **C**
Say with subsidies and dole, we've had it easy
G **C** **G**
But there's no drought or starving stock on a sewerred suburban block
D **C** **G**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

G **C**
For nearly sixty years, I've been a Cockie
G **D** **C**
Of droughts and fires and floods I've lived through plenty
G **C** **G**
This country's dust and mud have seen my tears and blood
D **C** **G**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy
D **C** **G D C G**
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NOTES:

Cockie: Australian small-scale family farmer

'Gin ("Jen"): an Australian aboriginal woman

(The term is nowadays considered to be derogatory)