

Here We Stay [1]

lyric by Clive James, music by Pete Atkin

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of eight staves of music, each with a line of lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'The froz-en rain, the swing-ing gate The tinge of blood, the hinge of fate An ill wind and it's gett-ing late But here we stay And it is death to wait But here we stay Be-hold the col-ours of the night The crim-son lake the chin-a white They crack-le in their drift-ing flight They fade a-way And we are cruel-ly scarred But here we stay The wall that we were sent to guard was tall-er than a man be-fore this thing be-gan But here we stay No-bod-y calls the batt-le lost'.

E D/E Am7
The froz-en rain, the swing-ing gate The tinge of blood, the hinge of

E D9 C#m Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7
4 fate An ill wind and it's gett-ing late But here we stay

C B B7 E E
9 And it is death to wait But here we stay

E D/E Am7 E
13 Be-hold the col-ours of the night The crim-son lake the chin-a white

D9 C#m Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7
17 They crack-le in their drift-ing flight They fade a-way

C B B7 E E
21 And we are cruel-ly scarred But here we stay The

C G D F#m
25 wall that we were sent to guard was tall-er than a man be-fore this thing be-gan But

F B B7 E D/E
29 here we stay No-bod-y calls the batt-le lost

Am7 E D9 C#m

35 While we are here to pay the cost Breath-ing a cloud in-to the frost For

Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 C B B7 E

37 come what may We drink a witch-es' brew — But here we stay

E C G D

42 Where they are man-y we are few and poor where they are rich This is the last

F#m F B B7 E D/E

46 ditch But here we stay The hymn of hate, the cry of pain

Am7 E D9 C#m

51 The swing-ing gate, the froz-en rain The dawn burns like the brand of Cain But

Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 C B B7 E

55 here we stay And who can count the slain? — But here we stay

E C B B7 E

60 They are the scythe, we are the grain But here we stay