

*An Gorta Mór Hunger Memorial  
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They endured the penal laws,  
Eviction and despair,  
And finally the coffin ships,  
So that we could live,  
To beg no more.

An Gorta Mór during the years 1845 through 1850,  
One and a half million people died of starvation,  
And disease in Ireland.  
Another two million were forced to emigrate,  
Many died in the coffin ships on the way to America and other places of refuge.  
While they suffered, the food they produced in abundance was forcibly taken,  
And shipped to England.

Arizonians who remember the needless suffering and deaths,  
Raise this monument to honor the victims of  
Ireland's Great Hunger.