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1 Wild Mountain Thyme

Oh the summer time is comin' G D And the trees are sweetly bloomin' G D Bm And the wild mountain thyme Em G Grows around the bloomin' heather D G D Will you go, lassie, go?

 $\begin{array}{cccc} G & D \\ \text{And we'll all go together} \\ G & D & Bm \\ \text{To pluck wild mountain thyme} \\ Em & G \\ \text{All around the bloomin' heather} \\ D & G & D \\ \text{Will you go, lassie, go?} \end{array}$

I will build my love a bower By yon pure crystal fountain And on it I will pile All the flowers of the mountain Will you go, lassie, go?

(Chorus)

If my true love she were gone I'd surely find another Where the wild mountain thyme Grows around the bloomin' heather Will you go, lassie, go?

(Chorus)

I will roam through the wild and the deep glens so dreary and return with my spoils, to the bower of my dearie Will you go, Lassie, go?

(Chorus)

2 The Minstrel Boy

The minstrel boy to the war is gone, In the ranks of death you'll find him His father's sword he hath girded on, And his wild harp slung behind him

"Land of Song!" cried the warrior bard, (Should) "Tho' all the world betrays thee, One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard, One faithful harp shall praise thee!"

The Minstrel fell! But the foeman's chain Could not bring that proud soul under The harp he loved ne'er spoke again, For he tore its chords asunder

And said "No chains shall sully thee, Thou soul of love and bravery! Thy songs were made for the pure and free They shall never sound in slavery!

3 Johnny I Hardly Knew Ya

 $\begin{array}{c} Em \\ \text{While goin' the road to sweet Athy, hurroo,} \\ hurroo \\ Em \\ \text{While goin' the road to sweet Athy, hurroo,} \\ hurroo \\ D \\ \text{While goin' the road to sweet Athy} \\ Em \\ A \text{ stick in me hand and a drop in me eye} \\ G D Em \\ A \text{ doleful damsel I} \\ \text{heard cry,} \\ Em \\ \text{Johnny I hardly knew ye.} \end{array}$

(Chorus) With your drums and guns and Bm guns and drums, hurroo, hurroo EmWith your drums and guns and guns and G drums, hurroo, hurroo

With your drums and guns and guns and drums $Em \qquad Bm$ The enemy nearly slew ye $G \qquad D \qquad Em \qquad Bm$ Oh my darling dear, Ye look so queer EmJohnny I hardly knew ye.

Where are your eyes that were so mild, hurroo, hurroo Where are your eyes that were so mild, hurroo, hurroo Where are your eyes that were so mild When my heart you so beguiled Why did ye run from me and the child Oh Johnny, I hardly knew ye. (Chorus) Where are your legs that used to run, hurroo, Where are your legs that used to run, hurroo, hurroo Where are your legs that used to run When you went for to carry a gun Indeed your dancing days are done Oh Johnny, I hardly knew ye. (Chorus) Ye haven't an arm, ye haven't a leg, hurroo, hurroo Ye haven't an arm, ye haven't a leg, hurroo, hurroo Ye haven't an arm, ye haven't a leg Ye're an armless, boneless, chickenless egg Ye'll have to put with a bowl out to beg Oh Johnny I hardly knew ye. (Chorus) I'm happy for to see ye home, hurroo, hurroo I'm happy for to see ye home, hurroo, hurroo I'm happy for to see ve home All from the island of Sulloon So low in flesh, so high in bone Oh Johnny I hardly knew ye. (Chorus) They're rolling out the guns again, hurroo, hurroo They're rolling out the guns again, hurroo, hurroo They're rolling out the guns again

But they never will take our sons again No they never will take our sons again

Johnny I'm swearing to ye.

4 Fields of Athenry

D G D Bm

[Chorus] Low lie the fields of Athen—ry

D

Where once we watched the (*Bm) small

A
free birds fly
D G

Our love was on the wing
D A

We had dreams and songs to sing
Em A D

It's so lonely round the fields of Athen—ry

By a lonely prison wall, I heard a young man calling

Nothing matters, Mary, when you're free Against the famine and the crown,

I rebelled, they cut me down

Now you must raise our child with dignity [Chorus]

By a lonely harbor wall, she watched the last star fall

As the prison ship sailed out against the sky For she lived to hope and pray for her love in Botany Bay

It's so lonely round the fields of Athenry

[Chorus]

5 The Fox

The Fox went out on a chilly night
He prayed for the moon to give him light
For he'd many a mile to go that night
Before he reached the town—o, town—o, town—o
He'd many a mile to go that night before he
reached the town—o

He ran till he came to the farmer's pen The ducks and the geese were kept therein He said "a couple of you are gonna grease my chin,

Before I leave this town "Said a couple of you are gonna grease my chin, before i leave this town—o

He grabbed the great goose by the neck And he threw a duck across his back And he didn't mind the quack quack And the legs all dangling down—o He didn't mind the quack quack And the legs all dangling down—o

The old grey woman jumped out of bed She ran to the window and popped out her head, Crying John, John, the great goose is gone And the fox is on the town-o, town-o, town-o John, John, the great goose is gone and the fox is on the town-o

He ran till he came to his nice warm den And there were the little ones, eight, nine, ten Sayin' Daddy, Daddy, better go back again For it must be a mighty fine town—o, town—o, town—o

Daddy, Daddy, go back again for it must be a mighty fine town–o

The fox and his wife, without any strife Cut up the goose with a fork and a knife They never had such a supper in their life And the little ones chewed on the bones—o, bones—o, bones—o

They never had such a supper in their life And the little ones chewed on the bones

6 Rising of the moon

And come tell me Sean O'Farrell, tell me why you hurry so

Husha buachaill hush and listen and his cheeks D were all a glow

I bear orders from the captain, get you ready quick and soon

For the pikes must be together by the rising of D the moon

All along that singing river that black mass of men was seen

High above their shining weapons flew their own beloved green

Death to every foe and traitor! Whistle out the marching tune

And hoorah, me boys, for freedom, 'tis the rising of the moon

(Chorus)

Tis the rising of the moon, 'tis the rising of the moon

And hurrah, me boys, for freedom, 'tis the rising of the moon

(Chorus)

By the rising of the moon, by the rising of the moon

For the pikes must be together by the rising D
of the moon

And come tell me Sean O'Farrell, where the gath'rin is to be

At the old spot by the river quite well known to you and me

One more word for signal token, whistle out the marchin' tune

With your pike upon your shoulder by the rising of the moon

(Chorus)

By the rising of the moon, by the rising of the

With your pike upon your shoulder by the rising of the moon

Out from many a mud wall cabin eyes were watching through the night

Many a manly heart was beating for the blessed warning light

Murmurs rang along the valleys to the banshees lonely croon

And a thousand pikes were flashing by the rising of the moon

(Chorus)

By the rising of the moon, by the rising of the

And a thousand pikes were flashing by the rising of the moon

7 If I was a Blackbird

I am a young sailor, my story is sad, Though once I was carefree and a brave sailor lad, I courted a lassie by night and by day, Oh but now she has left me, And sailed far away.

(Chorus) Oh, if I was a blackbird could whistle and sing,

I'd follow the vessel my true love sails in. And in the top riggin' I would there build my nest,

And I'd flutter my wings o'er her lilly white breast.

Or if I was a scholar and could handle the pen Once secret love letter to my true love I'd send And tell of my sorrow, my grief and my pain Since she's gone and left me

In you flowery glen.

(Chorus)

I sailed o'er the ocean, my fortune to seek Though I missed her caress and her kiss on my cheek

I returned and I told her my love was still warm but she turned away lightly

And great was her scorn.

(Chorus)

I offered to take her to Donnybrook Fair And to buy her fine ribbons to tie up her hair I offered to marry and to stay by her side But she says in the morning

She sails with the tide.

(Chorus)

My parents, they chide me, oh they will not agree Saying that me and my false love, married should never be

Oh but let them deprive me, or let them do what they will

While there's breath in my body She's the one that I love still (Chorus)

8 Haul Away Joe

O when I was a little lad Or so my mother told me, Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! That if I did not kiss the gals Me lips would all grow moldy. Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe!

(Chorus) Sing it! Way, haul away, we'll haul for better weather. Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe!

King Louis was the king of France Before the revolut–i–on Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! But then he got his head cut off Which spoiled his constitut—i—on Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! (Chorus) First I met a vankee girl, But she was fat and lazy Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! Then I met an Irish girl She darn near drives me crazy! Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! (Chorus) Saint Patrick was a gentleman He came from decent people, Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! He built a church in Dublin Town And on it put a steeple, Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! (Chorus)

9 Leaving of Liverpool

(Chorus) So fare thee well, my own true C love,

For when I return, united we will be C F It's not the leaving of Liverpool that grieves C me, C C But my darling when I think of thee.

I have shipped on a Yankee sailing ship, Davy Crockett is her name, And Burgess is the Captain of her, And they say that she's a floating hell (Chorus) Oh the sun is on the harbour, love, And I wish that I could remain, For I know that it will be a long, long time, Before I see you again (Chorus)

10 A Man's A Man For A' That

Is there for honest poverty
That hings his heed and a' that
The coward slave we pass him by
We dare be poor for a' that
For a' that and a' that
Our toils obscure and a' that
The rank is but the guinea's stamp
The mands the gowd for a' that

What tho' on hamely fare we dine
Wear hoddin–gray and a' that
Gie fools their silks and knaves their wine
A mands a man for a' that
For a' that and a' that
Their tinsel show and a' that
The honest man tho' e'er sae poor
Is king o' men for a' that

Ye see yon birkie ca'd a lord Wha struts and stares and a' that Tho' hundreds worship at his word He's but a coof for a' that For a' that and a' that His riband, star and a' that The man o' independent mind He looks and laughs at a' that

A prince can mak a belted knight A marquis, duke and a' that But an honest mands aboon his might Guid faith he mauna fa' that For a' that and a' that Their dignities and a' that The pith o' sense and pride o' worth Are higher rank than a' that

Then let us pray that come it may
As come it will and a' that
That sense and worth o'er a' the earth
Shall bear the gree and a' that
For a' that and a' that
It's coming yet for a' that
That man to man the warld o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that
For a' that and a' that
It's coming yet for a' that
That man to man the warld o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that
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11 Gypsy Rover (Whistlin Gypsy)

GAh dee do, ah dee do da day G G C DAh dee do, ah dee day dee G Am D EmHe whistled and he sang till the green woods rang G Am D GAnd he won the heart of a la—dy

She left her father's castle gate She left her own fond lover, left her servants And estate To follow the gypsy rover (Chorus) Her father saddled his fastest steed Roamed these valleys all over Sought his daughter at break neck speed And the whistlin' gypsy rover (Chorus) he came at last to a mansion fine Down by the river Claydee And there was music and there was wine For the gypsy and his lady (Chorus) "He is no gypsy, my father", she said But Lord of these lands all over And I will stay till my dying day With the whistlin' gypsy rover

12 Wagon Wheel

G
Heading down south to the land of the pines
Em
C
I'm thumbing my way into North Carolina
Staring up the road and pray to God I see
headlights
I made it down the coast in seventeen hours
Picking me a bouquet of dogwood flowers
And I'm a-hopin' for Raleigh, I can see my baby
tonight

G D
So rock me momma like a wagon wheel
Em C
Rock me momma any way you feel
Hey momma rock me
Rock me momma like the wind and the rain
Rock me momma like a south bound train
Hey momma rock me

Running from the cold up in New England I was born to be a fiddler in an old time string band

My baby plays a guitar, I pick a banjo now Oh, north country winters keep a–getting me down

Lost my money playing poker so I had to leave town

But I ain't turning back to living that old life no more

(Chorus)

Walkin' to the south out of Roanoke

I caught a trucker out of Philly had a nice long talk

But he's a–heading west from the Cumberland gap

To Johnson City, Tennessee

I gotta get a move on before the sun

I hear my baby calling my name and I know that she's the only one

And if I die in Raleigh at least I will die free (Chorus 2x)

13 Rose Red Round

Rose, Rose, Rose red, Shall I ever see thee wed? I will marry at thy will, sire At thy will.

Ding ding ding dong Wedding bells on an April morn' Carve your name on a moss covered stone On a moss covered stone.

Heigh-ho, nobody home Meat, nor drink, nor money have I none. Yet I will be merry. Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho.

Little bird Take thy flight, High above the sorrows Of this dark night.

14 Molly Malone

 $\begin{array}{ccc} G & Em \\ \text{In Dublin's fair city} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ccc} Am & D \\ \text{Where the girls are so pretty} \end{array}$ Еm G Em Am D I first set my eyes on sweet Molly Ma—lone $\begin{array}{c} G \\ \text{As she wheeled her wheel-barrow} \end{array}$ Am Through the streets broad and narrow Grying "cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh" G Em Alive, alive, oh Am Alive, alive, oh G' Em/C D G Crying "cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh" She was a fishmonger And sure, t'was no wonder For so were her mother and father before And they wheeled their barrow Through the streets broad and narrow Crying "cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh" (Refrain) She died of a fever And sure, so one could save her And that was the end of sweet Molly Malone Now her ghost wheels her barrow Through the streets broad and narrow Crying "cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh" (Refrain 2x)

15 Swing low

(Chorus) Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry me home Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry he home

I looked over Jordan and what did I see Coming for to carry he home A band of angels coming after me Coming for to carry me home (Chorus)

If you get there before I do Coming for to carry me home Tell all my friends I'm coming too Coming for to carry me home

16 The Wild Rover

GI've been a wild rover for many's the year G D Gand I've spent all my money on whiskey and beer. GBut now I'm returning with gold in great store G Gand I never will play the wild rover no more

(Chorus) And it's no, nay, never, no, nay, Cnever, no more Cwill I play the wild rover Cno, never, no more

I went into an ale-house I used to frequent and I told the landlady my money was spent. I asked her for credit, she answered me nay, Such a custom like yours I can have any day

(Chorus)

Then out of me pocket I took sovereigns bright and the landlady's eyes opened wide with delight. She said I'd have whiskey and wines of the best and the words that she told me were only in jest.

(Chorus)

I'll go home to my parents, confess what I've done,

and I'll ask them to pard on their prodigal son. And when they've caressed me as oft' times before then I never will play the wild rover no more

(Chorus)

17 Charlie on the M.T.A.

Well, let me tell you of the story of a man named Charley on a tragic and fateful day

He put ten cents in his pocket, kissed his wife and family, went to ride on the M.T.A.

Well, did he ever return? No, he never returned and his fate is still unknown

(What a pity! Poor ole Charlie. Shame and scandal. He may ride forever. Just like Paul Revere)

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston. He's the man who never returned

Charlie handed in his dime at the Kendall Square Station and he changed for Jamaica Plain

When he got there the conductor told him, "One more nickel." Charlie couldn't get off of that train

Well, did he ever return? No, he never returned and his fate is still unknown

(What a pity! Poor ole Charlie. Shame and scandal. He may ride forever. Just like Paul Revere)

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston. He's the man who never returned

Now, all night long Charlie rides through the station, crying, "What will become of me?! How can I afford to see my sister in Chelsea or my cousin in Rocksbury?"

Well, did he ever return? No, he never returned and his fate is still unknown

(What a pity! Poor ole Charlie. Shame and scandal. He may ride forever. Just like Paul Revere)

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston. He's the man who never returned

Charlie's wife goes down to the Sculley Square
Station every day at quarter past two
And through the open window she hands Charlie
a sandwich as the train comes rumblin'
through

Well, did he ever return? No, he never returned and his fate is still unknown

(What a pity! Poor ole Charlie. Shame and scandal. He may ride forever. Just like Paul Revere)

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston. He's the man who never returned

Now, you citizens of Boston, don't you think it's a scandal how the people have to pay and pay? Fight the fare increase! Vote for George O'Brien! Get poor Charlie off the M.T.A.

Well, did he ever return? No, he never returned and his fate is still unknown

(What a pity! Poor ole Charlie. Shame and scandal. He may ride forever. Just like Paul Revere)

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston. He's the man who never returned

He's the man who never returned. He's the man who never returned E tu, Charlie?

18 John Knacka

John Kanaka-naka too rie ay Today, today is a holiday John Kanaka-naka too lie ay

(Chorus) Too rie ay, oh, to lie ay John Kanaka-naka too lie ay

We're bound away for 'Frisco Bay We're bound away at the break of day (Chorus)

We're a yankee ship with a yankee crew And we're the boys to beat her through (Chorus)

So heave away and haul away Oh heave away and earn your pay (Chorus)

Flectamus genua Levate (Chorus)

19 The Battle of New Orleans

G C In 1814 we took a little trip D G Along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississip

We took a little bacon and we took a little beans D = GAnd we caught the bloody British in a town in New Orleans

GWe fired our guns and the British kep a–comin' DThere wasn't nigh as many as there was a while Gago
We fired once more and they begin to runnin'

On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

We looked down a river And we see'd the British come And there must have been a hundred of'em Beatin' on the drums

They stepped so high And they made their bugles ring We stood by our cotton bales And didn't say a thing

We fired our guns and the British kep a–comin' There wasn't nigh as many as there was a while ago

We fired once more and they begin to runnin' On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico Old Hickory said we could take 'em by surprise If we didn't fire our muskets 'Till we looked 'em in the eyes

We held our fire 'Till we see'd their faces well Then we opened up our squirrel guns And really gave 'em – well we

Fired our guns and the British kep a–comin' There wasn't nigh as many as there was a while ago

We fired once more and they begin to runnin' On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico Yeah, they ran through the briars
And they ran through the brambles
And they ran through the bushes
Where the rabbit couldn't go
They ran so fast
That the hounds couldn't catch 'em
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

We fired our cannon 'til the barrel melted down So we grabbed an alligator and we fought another round

We filled his head with cannon balls, and powdered his behind

And when we touched the powder off the gator lost his mind

We fired our guns and the British kep a-comin'. There wasn't nigh as many as there was a while ago

We fired once more and they begin to runnin' On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

Yeah, they ran through the briars
And they ran through the brambles
And they ran through the bushes
Where the rabbit couldn't go
They ran so fast
That the hounds couldn't catch 'em
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

Hut-two-three-four Sound off, three-four Hut-two-three-four Sound off, three-four Hut-two-three-four

Hut-two-three-four.

20 My Comrade

Fighting bravely in the battle Galloping on and on, Riding in the ranks of horsemen Thou wert my dearest comrade Thou the one I loved the most, (x2)

An arrogant Cavalier
The strongest of his corps
Lunged at me in thirst of blood
But thy faithful love showed no fear
And thy heart the lance did find (x2)

I've avenged this mortal wound That thou received in my stead Deep and deep into the dark of night I have wept for thee my comrade Kneeling by thy holy grave, (x2)

In my sadness, how I wander Without meaning I must ride From this o so deadly ambush I have lost my dearest comrade I will never laugh again, (x2)

O prince pray thee, hear my ballade Listen to my pleading call I pray God who loves the soldier To quickly place him, my comrade, At the right of Christ the Lord, (x2)

21 The Rattlin' Bog

(Chorus) Ho, ro, the rattlin' bog G DThe bog down in the valley-o G CHo, ro, the rattlin' bog G D GThe bog down in the valley-o

G In that bog there was a tree A rare tree, a rattlin' tree $\ensuremath{\mathcal{G}}$ The tree in the bog In the bog down in the valley-o (Chorus) And on that tree there was a limb A rare limb, a rattlin' limb The limb on the tree... (Chorus) And on that limb there was a branch A rare branch, a rattlin' branch The branch on the limb.. (Chorus) And on that branch there was a twig A rare twig, a rattlin' twig The twig on the branch... (Chorus) And on that twig there was a nest A rare nest, a rattlin' nest The nest on the twig... (Chorus) And in that nest there was an egg A rare egg, a rattlin' egg The egg in the nest... (Chorus) And on that egg there was a bird A rare bird, a rattlin' bird The bird on the egg... (Chorus) And on that bird there was a feather A rare feather, a rattlin' feather The feather on the bird... (Chorus) And on that feather there was a flea A rare flea, a rattlin' flea The flea in the feather... (Chorus)

22 Auld Lang Syne

 $\begin{array}{cccc} C & G \\ \text{Should auld acquaintance be forgot,} \\ Am & F \\ \text{And never brought to mind} \\ C & G \\ \text{Should auld acquaintance be forgot,} \\ F & G & C \\ \text{And auld lang syne!} \end{array}$

And surely ye'll be your pint' stowp, And surely I'll be mine, And we 'll take a cup o' kindness yet For auld lang syne! (Chorus) We two hae run about the braes, And pou'd the gowans fine, But we 've wander'd monie a weary fit Sin' auld lang syne. (Chorus) We two hae paidl'd in the burn Frae morning sun till dine, But seas between us braid hae roar'd Sin' auld lang syne. (Chorus) And there's a hand, my trusty fiere, And gie 's a hand o' thine, And we'll tak a right guid-willie waught For auld lang syne!

23 Courtin in the Kitchen

Come single belle and beau, unto me pay

A
attention

C
Don't ever fall in love, it's the devil's own

A
invention

C
Once I fell in love with a maiden so bewitchin'

C
Em
Miss Henrietta Bell out of Captain Kelly's

A
Kitchen7

(Chorus) With my tooral–ooral–I, and my G tooral–ooral–addy D With my tooral–ooral–I, and my G A D tooral–ooral– addy

At the age of seventeen, I was 'prenticed to a grocer

Not far from Stephen's Green, where Miss Henry used to go sir

Her manners were sublime and she set my heart a–twitchin'

And she invited me to a hooley in the kitchen (Chorus)

Next Sunday being the day, we were to have the "flare—up"

I dressed myself quite gay and I frizzed and oiled my hair up

The captain had no wife, faith he had gone out fishin'

And we kicked up high life down below stairs in the kitchen

(Chorus)

Just as the clock struck six we sat down to the table

She handed tay and cake and I ate while I was able

I drank hot punch and tay till me side had got to stitchin'

And the hours passed quick away when you're courtin in the kitchen

(Chorus)

With her arms around my waist, she slyly hinted marriage

To the door in dreadful haste, came Captain Kelly's carriage

Her eyes soon filled with hate and poison she was spittin'

When the captain at the door, walked right into the kitchen

(Chorus)

She flew up off me knees full five feet up or higher And over head and heels through me slap into the fire

Me new repealer's coat that I bought from Mr. Mitchell

With a twenty shilling note went to blazes in the kitchen...

(Chorus)

I grieved to see me duds all smeared with soot and ashes

When a tub of dirty suds right in me face she dashes

As I lay on the floor the water she kept pitchin' The footman broke the door and walked straight into the kitchen

(Chorus)

When the captain came downstairs, though he saw my situation

In spite of all my prayers, I was marched off to the station

For me they'd take no bail, but to get home I was itchin'

And I had to tell the tale how I came into the kitchen

(Chorus)

I said she did invite me, but she gave a flat denial For assault, she did indict me and I was sent for trial

She swore I robbed the house in spite of all her screechin'

And I got six months "hard" for my courtin in the kitchen

(Chorus)

24 Isn't It Grand Boys

Look at the coffin, with golden handles Isn't it grand, boys, to be bloody-well dead?

(Chorus) Let's not have a sniffle, let's have a bloody—good cry And always remember: The longer you live The sooner you'll bloody—well die

Look at the flowers, all bloody withered Isn't it grand, boys, to be bloody—well dead? (Chorus)

Look at the mourners, bloody—great hypocrites Isn't it grand, boys, to be bloody—well dead? (Chorus)

Look at the preacher, a bloody—nice fellow Isn't it grand, boys, to be bloody—well dead? (Chorus)

Look at the widow, bloody—great female Isn't it grand, boys, to be bloody—well dead? (Chorus)

25 Hesitating Beauty

For your sparkling cocky smile I've walked a million miles

Begging you to come and wed me in the spring Why do you my dear delay What makes you laugh and turn away You're a hesitating beauty, Nora Lee

(Chorus) Well I know that you are itching to get married, Nora Lee

And I know how I'm twitching for the same thing, Nora Lee

By the stars and clouds above we could spend our lives in love

You're a hesitating beauty, Nora Lee

We can build a house and home where the flowers come to bloom

Around our yard I'll nail a fence so high

That the boys with peeping eyes cannot see that angel face

My hesitating beauty Nora Lee (Chorus)

We can ramble hand in hand across the grasses of our land

I'll kiss you for each leaf on every tree

We can bring our kids to play where the dry leaves blow today

If you quit your hesitating, Nora Lee (Chorus)

26 Annabelle

Am FLease twenty acres and one Ginny mule E AmFrom the Alabama Trust FHalf of the cotton, third of the corn FGet a handful of dust

I had a daughter called her Annabelle She's the apple of my eye Tried to give her something like I never had Didn't want to ever hear her cry (Chorus)

When I'm dead and buried, I'll take a hard life of tears

Everyday I've ever known

Anna's in the churchyard, she's got no life at all She's only got these words on a stone (Chorus)

27 Carrickfergus

> My childhood days bring back sad reflections Of happy times there spent so long ago My boyhood friends and my own relations Have all past on now with the melting snow So I'll spend my days in this endless roving Soft is the grass, my bed is free Oh to be home now in carrickfergus On the long rode down to the salty sea

> Now in Kilkenny it is reported On marble stone there as black as ink With gold and silver I would support her But I'll sing no more now til I get a drink Cause I'm drunk today and I'm seldom sober A handsome rover from town to town Ah but I'm sick now my days are numbered Come all me young lads and lay me down.

28 Charlie Mops

A long time ago, way back in history, When all they had to drink was nothing but cups of tea,

Along came a mane by the name of Charlie Mopps,

And he invented a wonderful drink and he made it out of hops

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

He might have been an Admiral, a Sultan or a King

And to his praises we shall always sing. Look what he has done for us: he's filled us with cheer.

God bless Charlie Mopps, the man who invented beer beer tiddily beer beer beer

A barrel of malt a bucket of hops and add some yeast put it all together and let it ferment and swell When it's brewed and ready at 11 o'clock we'll stop for 5 short seconds we'll remember Charlie Mopps

(Put your local pubs here)
At Carnsies and the Flat Iron
and Pickle Bill's as well
One thing I can be sure of
It's Charlie's beer they sell
Some come along you lucky lads
at 11 o'clock we'll stop
for 5 short seconds we'll remember Charlie Mopps
(1..2..3..4..5)
(Chorus)

29 Hills of Connemara

> Now keep your eyes well peeled today The excise men they're on their way Searching for the mountain tay In the hills of Connemara (Chorus) Well the mountain breezes as they blow Echo down to the hills below Big tall men are on the go In the hills of connemara (Chorus) Well swing to the left, now swing to the right The excise man they can dance all night Drinkin 'up the tay 'til the broad daylight In the hills of Connemara (Chorus) Well a gallon for the butcher and big Mick Klein A bottle for the poor old Father Stein Keep him off that altar wine In the hills of Connemara (Chorus) Stand your ground, for it's too late The excise men, they're at the gate Glory be to paddy, for they're drinking it straight In the hills of Connemara (Chorus)

Song of the Pelagian Heresy for the Strengthening of Men's Backs and the very Robust Out-thrusting of Doubtful Doctrine and the Uncertain Intellectual

Pelagius lived at Kardanoel
And taught a doctrine there
How, whether you went to heaven or to hell
It was your own affair.
How whether you rose to eternal joy,
Or sank forever to burn,
It had nothing to do with the Church, my boy,
But was your own concern.

No, he didn't believe
In Adam and Eve
He put no faith therein!
His doubts began
With the Fall of Man
And he laughed at Original Sin.
With my row-ti-tow
Ti-oodly-ow
He laughed at original sin.

Then came the bishop of old Auxerre Germanus was his name
He tore great handfuls out of his hair
And he called Pelagius shame.
And with his stout Episcopal staff
So thoroughly whacked and banged
The heretics all, both short and tall—
They rather had been hanged.

Oh he whacked them hard, and he whacked them long
Upon each and all occasions
Till they bellowed in chorus, loud and strong
Their orthodox persuasions.
With my row-ti-tow
Ti-oodly-ow
Their orthodox persuasions.

Now the faith is old and the Devil bold Exceedingly bold indeed.
And the masses of doubt that are floating about Would smother a mortal creed.
But we that sit in a sturdy youth And still can drink strong ale
Let us put it away to infallible truth
That always shall prevail.

And thank the Lord For the temporal sword And howling heretics too. And all good things Our Christendom brings But especially barley brew! With my row-ti-tow Ti-oodly-ow Especially barley brew!

The Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored
He has loosed the fateful lightening
Of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on
(Chorus) Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
His truth is marching on

I have seen him in the watch-fires Of a hundred circling camps They have builded him an altar In the evening dews and damps I have read his righteous sentence By the dim and flaring lamps His day is marching on (Chorus) I have read a fiery gospel Writ in burnish'd rows of steel As ye deal with my contemptors So with you my grace shall deal Let the hero, born of woman Crush the serpent with his heel Since my God is marching on (Chorus) He has sounded forth the trumpet That shall never call retreat He is sifting out the hearts of men Before His judgment-seat Oh, be swift, my soul To answer him be jubilant, my feet Our God is marching on (Chorus)

32 The Green Fields Of France

Oh how do you do, young Willy Mc—Bride GDo you mind if I sit here down by your Dgrave—side $Bm \quad G \quad A$ And rest for a while in the warm summer sun GI've been walking all day, and I'm nearly done GAnd I see by your gravestone you were only G Emnine—teen $A \quad G \quad A$ When you joined the great fallen in 19—16 $D \quad Bm$ Well I hope you died quick $G \quad Em$ And I hope you died clean $A \quad G \quad D$ Or Willy McBride, was is it slow and obscene

(Chorus) Did they beat the drums slowly G DDid they play the fife lowly ADid they sound the death march as they G Alowered you down G DDid the band play the last post and chorus Bm GDid the pipes play the flowers of the A Dfor—est

And did you leave a wife or a sweetheart behind In some loyal heart is your memory enshrined And though you died back in 1916
To that loyal heart you're forever nineteen
Or are you a stranger without even a name
Forever enshrined behind some old glass pane
In an old photograph torn, tattered, and stained And faded to yellow in a brown leather frame (Chorus)

The sun shining down on these green fields of France

The warm wind blows gently and the red poppies dance

The trenches have vanished long under the plow No gas, no barbed wire, no guns firing now But here in this graveyard that's still no mans land

The countless white crosses in mute witness stand To man's blind indifference to his fellow man And a whole generation were butchered and damned

(Chorus)

And I can't help but wonder oh Willy McBride Do all those who lie here know why they died Did you really believe them when they told you the cause

Did you really believe that this war would end wars

Well the suffering, the sorrow, the glory, the shame

The killing and dying it was all done in vain Oh Willy McBride it all happened again And again, and again, and again, and again (Chorus)

33 Hills of Connemara

G Oh gather up your pots and your old tin cans The mash, and the corn, the barley, and the bran G Run like the devil from the excise man Keep the smoke from rising, Barnev

Now keep your eyes well peeled today The excise men they're on their way

> Searching for the mountain tay In the hills of Connemara

(Chorus) Gather up your pots and your old tin cans

The mash, and the corn, the barley, and the bran

Run like the devil from the excise man Keep the smoke from rising, Barney

Well the mountain breezes as they blow Echo down to the hills below Big tall men are on the go In the hills of connemara Well swing to the left, now swing to the right

The excise man they can dance all night Drinkin 'up the tay 'til the broad daylight In the hills of Connemara

(Chorus)

Well a gallon for the butcher and big Mick Klein A bottle for the poor old Father Stein

Keep him off that altar wine

In the hills of Connemara

(Chorus)

Stand your ground, for it's too late

The excise men, they're at the gate

Glory be to paddy, for they're drinking it straight

In the hills of Connemara

(Chorus)

34 The Cobbler

Oh, me name is Dick Darby, I'm a cobbler, I spent all me time at old camp

Some call me an old agitator, but now I'm resolved to repent

(Chorus)

With me ingtwing of an ingthing of an idoh With me ingtwing of an ingthing of an iday With me roobooboo roobooboo randy And me lap stone keeps fading away

Now, my father was hung for sheep stealing, my mother was burned for a witch

My sister's a dandy housekeeper, and I am the son of a "Whoah!"

(Chorus)

Ah, it's forty long years I have travelled, all by the contents of me pack

Me hammers, me awls and me pinchers, I carry them all on me back

Oh, my wife she is humpy, she's lumpy, my wife she's the devil, she's black

And no matter what I may do with her, her tongue it goes clickety-clack

(Chorus)

It was early one fine summer's morning, a little before it was day

I dunked her three times in the river, and carelessly bade her "Good day!" (Chorus)

Country Roads 35

GAlmost heaven, West Virginia D Blue ridge mountains, Shenandoah river G Em Life is old there, older than the trees DYounger than the mountains, blowing like a \hat{G} breeze

 \ensuremath{G} Country roads, take me home To the place I be—long Down Country roads

All my memories, gather round her Miner's lady, stranger to blue water Dark and dusty, painted on the sky Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye (Refrain)

Radio reminds me of my home far away \ensuremath{Em} D C C Driving down the road I get a feeling

That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday

(Refrain 2x)

Take me home, down country roads Take me home, down country roads

Bonnie George Campbell 36

 $\begin{picture}(200,0) \put(0,0){\line(0,0){100}} \put(0,0){\line(0,0){10$ F C G Bonnie George Campbell rode oot on a day. $\stackrel{\textstyle C}{\rm Saddled}$ and bridled, sae bonnie rode he, F C G An Hame cam' his guid horse, but never came he. F C G C Hame cam' his guid horse, but never came he G

Saddled and booted and bridled rode he, A plume tae his helmet, a sword at his knee. But toom came his saddle and bluidy tae see, Hame cam' his guid horse, but never came he

Doon cam' his auld mither greetin' fu' sair, Oot cam' his bonnie wife rivin' her hair. "My meadows lie green and by corn is unshorn, My barn it tae build and my baby's unborn."

High upon Hielands and low upon Tay, Bonnie George Campbell rode oot on a day. Saddled and bridled, sae bonnie rode he Hame cam' his guid horse, but never came he.

37 Don't Go For The One

My friend Harvey married Tracey McCall
By Christ she was a scary old doll
A voice out of hell and a temper to boot
Arms like a navvy and a face like dried fruit
I bumped into Harvey back home last year
Says I to him, 'Do you wanna go for a beer?'
'No, me sister's French husband is over, ' says he
'I've been sent to get snails to impress him for
tea.'

'I was down in the snail shop, she told me to go, 'I'm a little bit late because business was slow, 'If I'm not home by six, I'll surely be done, 'The Mrs will kill me, let's just go for the one.'

(Chorus) The one, the one, don't go for the one

Don't go for the one, for the one, for the one The one, the one, don't go for the one Don't go for the one, for the one,

For the one went down fast, the second did too Three or four followed, twas a fine how-do-you-do

Harvey looked at his watch, shrieked out with fright

It was twenty past ten, we'd been drinking all night

Well cursing my name, he sped 'cross the floor Clutching the snails, he ran out the door 'I'm a dead man, ' he said, 'I'm drunk and I'm late, '

As he tore down the road and up to his gate (Chorus)

Well he opened the gate and he ran down the path

But he knew he was in for the dragon's wrath But he tripped and he fell and up in the air Went the bag with the snails flying everywhere Hearing the noise she kicked open the door The snails and Harvey were spread 'cross the floor 'You're three hours late, ' she screamed, loud as she could

'What's your excuse, this had better be good.'
Well he looks down at the snails
And with a confident air

He says, 'five more feet lads, we're nearly there.' (Chorus 2x)

38 Midnight Moonlight

GIf you ever feel lonesome, and you're down in San Antone Am D C

Am D C
Beg steal or borrow two nickels or a dime and D
call me on the phone

And I'll meet you at Alamo Mission where we can say our prayers

And the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mother will heal us as we kneel there.

(Chorus2x) In the moonlight in the midnight In Am D G the moonlight midnight moon—light.

If you ever feel sorrow for things you might have done

With no hope for tomorrow and the setting of the D sun

And the ocean is howling of things that might have been

And that last good morning sunrise will be the brightest C you've everseen.

(Chorus)

Reapeat both verses

39 Tell Me Ma

(Chorus) O Tell me ma when I go home D GThe boys won't leave the girls alone G G GThey pull my hair, they stole my comb D GBut that's all right till I go home CShe is handsome, she is pretty CShe is the belle of Belfast city CShe is a—courting one two three CPray, would you tell me who is she

Albert Mooney says he loves her
All the boys are fighting for her
Knock at the door and they ring that bell
Oh my true love, are you well
Out she comes as white as snow
Rings on her fingers and bells on her toes
Old Jenny Murray says she will die
If she doesn't get the fella with the roving eye
(Refrain)

Let the wind and the rain and the hail blow high And the snow come toppling from the sky She's as sweet as apple pie
And she'll get her own lad by and by
When she gets a lad of her own
She won't tell her ma till she comes home
Let them all come as they will
For it's Albert Mooney she loves still
(Refrain)

40 I'll Fly Away

GSome bright morning when this life is over CI'll fly away GTo that home on God's celestial shore D GI'll fly away

(Chorus) I'll fly away, oh glory I'll fly away in the morning When I die, Hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly (Chorus)

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet No more cold iron shackles on my feet (Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then To a land where joys will never end

41 Haul Away Joe

O when I was a little lad Or so my mother told me, Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! That if I did not kiss the gals Me lips would all grow moldy. Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe!

(Chorus) Sing it!
Way, haul away, we'll haul for better weather,
Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe!

King Louis was the king of France Before the revolut–i–on Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! But then he got his head cut off Which spoiled his constitut—i—on Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! (Chorus) First I met a yankee girl, But she was fat and lazv Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! Then I met an Irish girl She darn near drives me crazy! Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! (Chorus) Saint Patrick was a gentleman He came from decent people, Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! He built a church in Dublin Town And on it put a steeple, Way, haul away, we'll haul away, Joe! (Chorus)

42 Farewell to Nova Scotia

 $m{G}$ (Chorus) Farewell to Nova Scotia, your sea-bound coast, $m{Em}$ Let your mountains dark and dreary be $m{G}$ $m{D}$ When I'm far away, on the briny ocean tossed, $m{Em}$ $m{C}$ $m{Em}$ Will you ever heave a sigh or a wish for me?

 ${\cal G}$ The sun was setting in the West Em The birds were singing on every tree G All of nature seemed inclined to rest Em C Em But, still, there was no rest for me. (Chorus) I grieve to leave my native land I grieve to leave my comrades all And my poor old aged parents whom I love so And the bonny, bonny lass that I do adore. (Chorus) The drums do beat and the wars they alarm Our captain calls; we must obey Farewell, farewell, to Nova Scotia's charm For it's early in the morning I am bound far away (Chorus) I have two brothers and they are at rest. Their hands are folded on their chest. But a poor, simple sailor just like me Must be tossed and turned on the deep, blue sea. (Chorus)

43 Fiddler's Green

D G D BmAs I roved by the dockside one evening so fair D G D ATo view the salt waters and take in the salt air G DI heard/spied an old fisherman singing a song Em D AWon't you take me away boys me time is not long

(Chorus) Wrap me up in me oilskin and DJumper GNo more on the docks I'll be seen GJust tell me old shipmates, I'm taking a trip mates AAnd I'll see you someday on Fiddlers Green

Now Fiddler's Green is a place I've heard tell Where the fishermen go if they don't go to hell Where the weather is fair and the dolphins do play

And the cold coast of Greenland is far, far away (Chorus)

Yes the weather is fair and there's never a gail And the fish jump on board with one swish on their tail

You can lie at your leisure, there's no work to do And the skipper's below making tea for the crew (Chorus)

When pull into port and the long trip is through There's pubs and there's clubs and there's lassies there too

And the girls are all pretty and the beer is all free And there's bottles of rum growing on every tree. (Chorus)

Now I don't need a harp nor a halo, not me Just give me a breeze and a good rolling sea I'll play me old squeeze—box as we sail along With the wind in the riggin to sing me a song (Chorus)

44 Dublin Blues

Well, I wished I was in Austin, mmm In the Chili AParlor Bar DDrinkin' Mad Dog Margaritas GAnd not carin' where you are
But here I sit in Dublin, mmm
Just rollin' cigarettes
Holdin' back and chokin' back
The shakes with every breath

(Chorus) So forgive me all my anger D
Forgive me all my faults
There's no need to forgive me
D
For thinkin' what I thought
I loved you from the get go
D
And I'll love you till I die
A
I loved you on the Spanish Steps
G
The day you said goodbye

I am just a poor boy, mmm Work's my middle name If money was a reason Well, I would not be the same I'll stand up and be counted, mmm I'll face up to the truth I'll walk away from trouble But I can't walk away from you (Chorus) I have been to Fort Worth, mmm And I have been to Spain And I have been too proud To come in out of the rain And I have seen the David, mmm I've seen the Mona Lisa too And I have heard Doc Watson Play Columbus Stockade Blues (Chorus) Well, I wished I was in Austin, mmm In the Chili Parlor Bar Drinkin' Mad Dog Margaritas And not carin' where you are

45 El Paso

Blacker than night were the eyes of Felina Wicked and evil while casting a spell My love was deep for this Mexican maiden I was in love but in vain, I could tell

 $\begin{matrix} G & C & G \\ \text{One night a wild young cowboy came in} \\ & D & D7 \\ \text{Wild as the West Texas windDashing and daring,} \\ & \text{a drink he was sharing} \\ & G \\ \text{With wicked Felina, the girl that I loved} \\ & A \\ \text{So in anger} \end{matrix}$

I challenged his right for the love of this maiden Down went his hand for the gun that he wore My challenge was answered in less than a heartbeat

The handsome young stranger lay dead on the floor

Just for a moment I stood there in silence Shocked by the foul evil deed I had done Many thoughts raced through my mind as I stood there

I had but one chance and that was to run

Out through the back door of Rosa's I ran Out where the horses were tied I caught a good one, it looked like it could run Up on its back and away I did ride Just as fast as I Could from the West Texas town of El Paso Out to the badlands of New Mexico

Back in El Paso my life would be worthless Everything's gone in life; nothing is left It's been so long since I've seen the young maiden My love is stronger than my fear of death I saddled up and away I did go
Riding alone in the dark
Maybe tomorrow, a bullet may find me
Tonight nothing's worse than this pain in my
heart
And at last here I
Am on the hill overlooking El Paso
I can see Rosa's cantina below
My love is strong and it pushes me onward
Down off the hill to Felina I go

Off to my right I see five mounted cowboys
Off to my left ride a dozen or more
Shouting and shooting, I can't let them catch me
I have to make it to Rosa's back door

Something is dreadfully wrong for I feel A deep burning pain in my side Though I am trying to stay in the saddle I'm getting weary, unable to ride

But my love for Felina is strong and I rise where I've fallen Though I am weary I can't stop to rest I see the white puff of smoke from the rifle I feel the bullet go deep in my chest

From out of nowhere Felina has found me Kissing my cheek as she kneels by my side Cradled by two loving arms that I'll die for One little kiss and Felina, goodbye

46 The Devil's Courtship

"I'll buy you a pennyworth o' priens
If that be the way true love begins
If ye'll gang alang wi' me m'dear, if ye'll gang
alang wi' me?"

"Ye can hae your pennyworth of priens Though that be the way true love begins For I'll never gang wi' you m'dear, I'll never gang wi' you."

"I'll buy you a braw snuff box Nine times opened, nine times locked If ye'll gang alang wi' me m'dear, if ye'll gang alang wi' me?"

"You can hae your braw snuff box Nine times opened, nine times locked For I'll never gang wi' you m'dear, I'll never gang wi' you."

"I'll buy you a silken goon
Wi' nine stripes up and nine stripes doon
If ye'll gang alang wi' me m'dear, if ye'll gang
alang wi' me?"

"You can hae your silken goon
Wi' nine stripes up and nine stripes doon
For I'll never gang wi' you m'dear, I'll never gang
wi' you."

"I'll buy you a nine stringed bell
Tae call yer maid when'er you will
If ye'll gang alang wi' me m'dear, if ye'll gang
alang wi' me?"

"You can keep your nine stringed bell
Tae call my maid when'er I will
For I'll never gang wi' you m'dear, I'll never gang
wi' you."

"I'll gie you a kist o' gold
Tae comfort you when you are old
If ye'll gang alang wi' me m'dear, if ye'll gang
alang wi' me?"

"These are fine words you say
So mount up lad you've won the day
I'll gang alang wi' you m'dear, I'll gang alang wi'
you."

They'd scarcely gone a mile
Before she spied his cloven heel
"I rue I come wi' you" she says, "I rue I come wi'
you."

"I'll grip ye hard and fast, Gold won your virgin heart at last And I'll no part wi' you m'dear, I'll never part wi' you."

And as they were galloping along
The cold wind carried her mournful song
"I rue I come wi' you" she says, "I rue I come wi'
you."

"I rue I come wi' you" she says, "I rue I come wi'

47 My son John (Cannonball)

vou."

Em G DMy son John was tall and slim Em G DAnd he had a leg for every limb Em DNow he's got no legs at all Em G DThey're both shot away by a cannon ball

(Chorus) Hoo-rum rye, fadda riddle dye G G D Em Whack fo' the diddle To me hoo rum rye

Well were ya drunk or were ya blind

To leave your two fine legs behind Or was it from walkin upon the sea That took your legs from the ground to the knee (Chorus) Well I wasn't drunk and I wasn't blind To leave my two fine legs behind T'was a cannonball on the fifth o' May That took my legs from the ground to the knee (Chorus) Each foreign war I'll now denounce 'tween this King of England and that King of I'd rather my legs as they used to be Than the king of Spain and his whole navy (Chorus) I was tall and I was slim And I had a leg for every limb But now I've got no legs at all

You can't win a race with a cannon ball

48 By The Mark

When I cross over I will shout and sing I will know my Savior By the mark where the nails have been

(Chorus) By the mark where the nails have been
By the sign upon His precious skin
I will know my Savior when I come to Him
By the mark where the nails have been

A man of riches
May claim a crown of jewels
But the King of Heaven
Can be told from the prince of fools
(Chorus)
On Calvary's Mountain
Where they made Him suffer so
All my sin was paid for
A long, long time ago
(Chorus)
I will know my Savior when I come to Him
By the mark where the nails have been

49 WHISKEY IN THE JAR

I counted out his money, and it made a pretty penny.

I put it in my pocket and I took it home to Jenny. She sighed and she swore, that she never would deceive me,

but the devil take the women, for they never can be easy

(Chorus)

I went into my chamber, a' for to take a slumber, I dreamt of gold and jewels and for sure it was no wonder.

But Jenny took my charges and she filled them up with water,

Then sent for captain Farrel to be ready for the slaughter.

(Chorus)

It was early in the morning, just before I rose to travel,

The guards were all around me and likewise captain Farrel.

I first produced my pistol, for she stole away my rapier,

But I couldn't shoot the water so a prisoner I was taken.

(Chorus)

If anyone can aid me, it's my brother in the army, I think that he is stationed in Cork or in Killarney.

And if he'll go with me, we'll go roving near Kilkenny,

And I swear he'll treat me better than me darlin' sportin' Jenny

(Chorus)

Some take delight in the fishin' and the trappin',
But others take delight in the carriages a—rovin'.
But me I take delight in the juice of the barley,
And courting pretty women in the morning bright
and early
(Chorus)

50 Foxfire

When I was young and free and not so very brave my friends and I had a place that we called "Devils cave"

We'd meet out there after dark tell tales by candle light and event that marked all of our lives happened there one night

The evening it was bitter cold and the starts were shining hard the wind cut through the leafless trees as a razor through a cord

The feeble glow from the candle flame Brought us no warmth at all soon a fire was raging in its place shadows on the cavern wall

That night the legend offered was a hard one to believe but with a chilling wind and warming glow a spell began to weave

A tale of a native nation and a culture that's long past and a people caught up in a flux in a land that was so vast

A dream about dark rumors over murder that was done against the whites off to the east at the setting of the sun

A dream of a council that was called and punishment proclaimed 'twas banishment for the one accused to sooth all those inflamed

Now it was later in that year in the season of the change when the rut of stag and the russet tones spread throughout the range

A ghostly figure hovered in the valley growing bright 'tis the evil the shaman said who haunts us here at night So a council was convened and a party then dispatched they were to find the ghostly fiend its path they were to match

It lead unto a barren cave where the river ran so wide the pursuers built a fore so high the smoke was drawn inside

Not long after flames were licking at the cavern floor then the evil one now all ablaze came screaming through the door

Out to the river's edge where the river ran so cold it plunged into the blackened waves its soul they did enfold

It was found the banished one had played the ghostly fiend it was the foxfire made him glow even as the river gleamed

So it was called the "Devils Cave" that he ran from the night and it was called the "Devils Cave" where we held our vigil rite

Now as the evil one came screaming though the cavern door I awoke and found my friends asleep a—lyin' on the floor

The fire, it had spent itself smoke filled the dark and damp the cavern closed in all around our breath caught in a clamp

And as the moment for our deaths upon us did appear a flaming figure split the dark the "evil one" drew near"

But we all followed close behind that specter through the door and out into the evening chill to breath the air once more

I am told the story's true there lived an Indian who rubbed the foxfire on himself and met a burning end Perhaps it was his spirit that appeared to us the night perhaps to set the record straight he used the foxfire light

51 Ha'nacker Mill

Sally is gone that was so kindly, Sally is gone from Ha'nacker Hill And the Briar grows ever since then so blindly; And ever since then the clapper is still... And the sweeps have fallen from Ha'nacker Mill.

Ha'nacker Hill is in Desolation: Ruin a—top and a field unploughed. And Spirits that call on a fallen nation, Spirits that loved her calling aloud, Spirits abroad in a windy cloud.

Spirits that call and no one answers — Ha'nacker's down and England's done. Wind and Thistle for pipe and dancers, And never a ploughman under the Sun: Never a ploughman. Never a one.

52 The Irish Rover

In the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and six, G D D We set sail from the Coal Quay of Cork G C We were sailing away with a cargo of bricks G D G For the grand City Hall in New York G D We'd an elegant craft, it was rigged 'fore and aft G D And how the trade winds drove her G She had twenty—three masts and she stood several blasts G D G And they called her the Irish — Rover

There was Barney Magee from the banks of the Lee

There was Hogan from County Tyrone

There was Johnny McGurk who was scared stiff of work

And a chap from Westmeath named Malone There was Slugger O'Toole who was drunk as a

And fighting Bill Tracy from Dover And your man Mick McCann, from the banks of the Bann

Was the skipper on the Irish Rover

We had one million bags of the best Sligo rags

We had two million barrells of bone

We had three million bales of old nanny goats' tails

We had four million barrells of stone

We had five million hogs and six million dogs

And seven million barrells of porter

We had eight million sides of old blind horses' hides

In the hold of the Irish Rover

We had sailed seven years when the measles broke out

And our ship lost her way in a fog

And the whole of the crew was reduced down to two

'Twas myself and the captain's old dog

Then the ship struck a rock, oh, Lord what a shock

And nearly tumbled over

Turned nine times around then the poor old dog was drowned

I'm the last of the Irish Rover

And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda

When I was a young man I carried my pack

G D G

And I lived the free life of a rover
From the Murrays green basin to the dusty outback
I waltzed my Matilda all over

D C G

Then in nineteen fifteen my country said Son

D C

It's time to stop rambling 'cause there's work to

G be done

G C G

So they gave me a tin hat and they gave me a

Em gun

G D G

And they sent me away to the war

C G

And the band played Waltzing Matilda

G C D

As we sailed away from the quay

C Am G

And amidst all the tears and the shouts and the

Em cheers

G D G

We sailed off to Gallipoli

How well I remember that terrible day
How the blood stained the sand and the water
And how in that hell that they called Suvla Bay
We were butchered like lambs at the slaughter
Johnny Turk he was ready, he primed himself well
He chased us with bullets, he rained us with shells
And in five minutes flat he'd blown us all to hell
Nearly blew us right back to Australia
But the band played Waltzing Matilda
As we stopped to bury our slain
We buried ours and the Turks buried theirs
Then we started all over again

Now those that were left, well we tried to survive In a mad world of blood, death and fire And for ten weary weeks I kept myself alive But around me the corpses piled higher Then a big Turkish shell knocked me arse over head

And when I woke up in my hospital bed And saw what it had done, I wished I was dead Never knew there were worse things than dying For no more I'll go waltzing Matilda All around the green bush far and near For to hump tent and pegs, a man needs two legs No more waltzing Matilda for me So they collected the cripples, the wounded, the maimed

And they shipped us back home to Australia
The armless, the legless, the blind, the insane
Those proud wounded heroes of Suvla
And as our ship pulled into Circular Quay
I looked at the place where my legs used to be
And thank Christ there was nobody waiting for
me

To grieve and to mourn and to pity And the band played Waltzing Matilda As they carried us down the gangway But nobody cheered, they just stood and stared Then turned all their faces away

And now every April I sit on my porch And I watch the parade pass before me And I watch my old comrades, how proudly they march

Reliving old dreams of past glory
And the old men march slowly, all bent, stiff and
sore

The forgotten heroes from a forgotten war And the young people ask, "What are they marching for?"

And I ask myself the same question And the band plays Waltzing Matilda And the old men answer to the call But year after year their numbers get fewer Some day no one will march there at all

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda Who'll go a waltzing Matilda with me And their ghosts may be heard as you pass the Billabong

Who'll go a waltzing Matilda with me?

54 Folsom Prison Blues

GI hear the train a comin'
It's rollin' 'round the bend
And I ain't seen the sunshine G7C
Since, I don't know whenI'm stuck in Folsom
Prison GAnd time keeps draggin' on D7But that train keeps a–rollin'
Con down to San Antone

When I was just a baby
My Mama told me, "son
Always be a good boy
Don't ever play with guns"
But I shot a man in Reno
Just to watch him die
When I hear that whistle blowin'
I hang my head and cry

I bet there's rich folks eatin' In a fancy dinin' car They're probably drinkin' coffee And smokin' big cigars Well, I know I had it comin' I know I can't be free But those people keep a-movin' And that's what tortures me

Well, if they freed me from this prison If that railroad train was mine I bet I'd move it on a little Farther down the line Far from Folsom Prison That's where I want to stay And I'd let that lonesome whistle Blow my blues away

55 Brennan on the Moor

Tis of a brave young highwayman this story I will tell

His name was Willie Brennan and in Ireland he did dwell

It was on the Kilwood Mountain he commenced his wild career

And many a wealthy nobleman before him shook with fear

(Chorus) It was Brennan on the moor, Brennan on the moor

Bold, brave and undaunted was young Brennan on the moor

One day upon the highway as young Willie he went down

He met the mayor of Cashiell a mile outside of town

The mayor he knew his features and he said, Young man, said he

Your name is Willie Brennan, you must come along with me

Now Brennan's wife had gone to town provisions for to buy

And when she saw her Willie she commenced to weep and cry

Said, Hand to me that tenpenny, as soon as Willie spoke

She handed him a blunderbuss from underneath her cloak

Now with this loaded blunderbuss – the truth I will unfold –

He made the mayor to tremble and he robbed him of his gold

One hundred pounds was offered for his apprehension there

So he, with horse and saddle to the mountains did repair

Now Brennan being an outlaw upon the mountains high

With cavalry and infantry to take him they did try

He laughed at them with scorn until at last 'twas

By a false-hearted woman he was cruelly betrayed

They hanged Brennan at the crossroads, in chains he hung and dried

But still they say that, in the night, some do see him ride

They see him with his blunderbuss, all in the midnight chill

Along, along the King's highway rides Willie Brennan still!

56 Fiddler's Green

As I walked by the dockside one evening so fair C F C G To view the salt waters and take in the salt air F I heard an old fisherman singing a song G G Won't you take me away boys me time is not long

(Chorus) Wrap me up in me oilskin and C CJumper F CNo more on the docks I'll be seen F CJust tell me old shipmates, I'm taking a trip mates CAnd I'll see you someday on Fiddlers Green

Now Fiddler's Green is a place I've heard tell Where the fishermen go if they don't go to hell Where the weather is fair and the dolphins do play

And the cold coast of Greenland is far, far away (Chorus)

Yes the weather is fair and there's never a gail And the fish jump on board with one swish on their tail

You can lie at your leisure, there's no work to do And the skipper's below making tea for the crew (Chorus)

When pull into port and the long trip is through There's pubs and there's clubs and there's lassies there too

And the girls are all pretty and the beer is all free And there's bottles of rum growing on every tree. (Chorus)

Now I don't need a harp nor a halo, not me Just give me a breeze and a good rolling sea I'll play me old squeeze—box as we sail along With the wind in the riggin to sing me a song (Chorus)

57 The Rocky Road to Dublin

 $\mathop{\operatorname{While in}}_{\mathop{\operatorname{In}}} Bm$ the merry month of June from me home I started,

Left the girls of Tuam Nearly broken hearted, Bm Saluted father dear, kissed me darling mother,

Drank a pint of beer, me grief and tears to smother,

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} Bm & A & Bm \\ Then off & to reap the corn, leave where I was \\ \end{tabular}$ A born,

Cut a stout black thorn to banish ghosts and

Bm A Bm A Bought a pair of brogues rattling o'er the bogs

And fright'ning all the dogs on the rocky road to Dublin.

Bm A Bm [Chorus] One, two, three four, five, Hunt the Hare and turn her down the rocky road A all the way to Dublin, Whack fol la de rah

In Mullingar that night I rested limbs so weary, Started by daylight next morning blithe and early, Took a drop of pure to keep me heart from sinking;

Thats a Paddy's cure whenever he's on drinking. See the lassies smile, laughing all the while At me curious style, 'twould set your heart a bubblin'

Asked me was I hired, wages I required, I was almost tired of the rocky road to Dublin. [Chorus]

In Dublin next arrived, I thought it such a pity To be soon deprived a view of that fine city. So then I took a stroll, all among the quality; Me bundle it was stole, all in a neat locality. Something crossed me mind, when I looked behind,

No bundle could I find upon me stick a wobblin' Enquiring for the rogue, they said me Connaught

Wasn't much in vogue on the rocky road to Dublin.

[Chorus]

From there I got away, me spirits never falling, Landed on the quay, just as the ship was sailing. The Captain at me roared, said that no room had

When I jumped aboard, a cabin found for Paddy. Down among the pigs, played some hearty rigs, Danced some hearty jigs, the water round me bubbling:

When off Holyhead I wished meself was dead, Or better for instead on the rocky road to Dublin. [Chorus]

Well the boys of Liverpool, when we safely landed.

Called meself a fool, I could no longer stand it. Blood began to boil, temper I was losing; Poor old Erin's Isle they began abusing. "Hurrah me soul" says I, me Shillelagh I let fly. Some Galway boys were nigh and saw I was a hobble in.

With a load "hurray!" joined in the affray. We quitely cleared the way for the rocky road to Dublin.

[Chorus]

58 HEALTH TO THE COMPANY

Kind friends and companions, come join me in rhyme

Come lift up your voices in chorus with mine Come lift up your voices, all grief to refrain For we may or might never all meet here again

(Chorus) So here's a health to the company and one to my lass

Let's drink and be merry all out of one glass Let's drink and be merry, all grief to refrain For we may or might never all meet here again

Here's a health to the wee lass that I love so well For style and for beauty there's none can excel There's a smile on her countenance as she sits upon my knee

There is no man in this wide world as happy as me

(Chorus)

Our ship lies at anchor, she is ready to dock I wish her safe landing without any shock And if ever I should meet you by land or by sea I will always remember your kindness to me (Chorus)

59 Star of the County Down

[Chorus] From Bantry Bay up to Derry
Quay and $Em \quad C \quad D$ From Galway to Dublin Town, $Em \quad G \quad D$ No maid I've seen like the brown colleen $Em \quad D \quad Em$ That I met in the County Down.

And I looked with a feelin' rare, And I say's, say's I, to a passer-by, "Whose the maid with the nut brown hair"? He smiled at me and he says, say's he, "That's the gem of Ireland's crown. It's Rosie McCann from the banks of the Bann, She's the star of the County Down". [Chorus] At the Harvest Fair she'll be surely there And I'll dress in my Sunday clothes, With my shoes shone bright and my hat cocked Right for a smile from my nut brown rose. No pipe I'll smoke, no horse I'll yoke Till my plough turns rust colored brown. Till a smiling bride, by my own fireside Sits the star of the County Down. [Chorus]

As she onward sped, sure I scratched my head,

60 The Ridde Song

I (C)gave my love a (F)cherry that had no (C)stone

How can there be a cherry that has no stone? How can there be a chicken that has no bone? How can there be a baby with no crying? How can you tell a story that has no end?

A cherry when it's blooming, it has no stone And a chicken when it's pipping, there is no bone A baby when it's sleeping, there's no crying And when I say "I love you", it has no end

I gave my love a cherry that had no stone I gave my love a chicken that had no bone I gave my love a baby with no crying And told my love a story that had no end

61 Red is the rose

Come over the hills, my bonnie Irish lass D Bm G A G Come over the hills to your darling You choose Fm G Bm G Bm A the rose, love, and I'll make the vow D Bm Em A D And I'll be your true love for——ever.

(Chorus) Red is the rose that in yonder garden

G AD Bm G AG

grows Fair is the lily of the valley Clear is

Fm G Bm AD

the water that flows from the Boyne But

Bm Em AD

my love is fairer than any.

'Twas down by Killarney's green woods that we straved

When the moon and the stars they were shining The moon shone its rays on her locks of golden hair

And she swore she'd be my love forever.

(Chorus)

It's not for the parting that my sister pains It's not for the grief of my mother 'Tis all for the loss of my bonny Irish lass That my heart is breaking forever.

(Chorus)

62 Finnegan's Wake

[Chorus] And whack Fol-De-Dah now dance to your partner GRound the floor, your trotters shake DWasn't it the truth I told you GLots of fun at Finnegan's wake

One morning Tim was rather full His head felt heavy, which made him shake Fell from the ladder and broke his skull So they carried him home, his corpse to wake Rolled him up in a nice clean sheet And laided him upon the bed A bottle of whiskey at his feet And a gallon of porter at his head [Chorus] His friends assembled at his wake And Missus Finnegan called for lunch First they brought in tay and cake Then pipes, tobacco and whiskey punch Biddy O'Brien begged to cry Such a nice clean corpse did you see Aye, Tim me boy, oh why did you die? Arrah shut your gob said Paddy MCGee [Chorus] Then Peggy O'Connor took up the job Biddy says she you're wrong I'm sure Biddy then gave her a belt on the gob And left her sprawling on the floor There the war did soon engage Woman to woman and man to man Shillelah-law was all the rage An a row and a ruction soon began [Chorus] Mickey Maloney raised his head When a bottle Of whiskey flew at him It missed him falling on the bed The liquor scattered over Tim Tim revives, see how he rises Timothy rising from the bed "Whirl your whiskey around like blazes? Tonamondeal, do you think I'm dead!?" [Chorus 2x]

63 Jock Stewart

 $\begin{matrix} C & G \\ \text{Now, my name is Jock Stewart} \\ Am & F \\ \text{I'm a canny gaun man,} \\ C & G & C \\ \text{And a roving young fellow, I've been.} \end{matrix}$

(Chorus) So be easy and free When you're drinkin wi' me. I'm a man you don't meet every day.

I have acres of land: I have men at command: I have always a shilling to spare. (Chorus) Now, I took out my gun, With my dog I did shoot, All down by the River Kildare (Chorus) I'm a piper by trade And a roving young blade And many a tune I do play (Chorus) Let us catch well the hours And the minutes that fly And we'll share them together this day (Chorus) So, come fill up your glasses Of brandy and wine, And whatever the cost, I will pay.

64 Edelweiss

G D G C Em Am7
Edelweiss , Edelweiss Every morning you greet
D me
G D G C
Small and white, clean and bright
G D7
You look happy to meet me.

D D7 G
Blossom of snow may you bloom and grow
C A D D7 G D G
Bloom and grow forever Edelweiss , Edelweiss
C G D7 G
Bless my homeland forever

65 The little beggarmen

I am a little beggarman, a-begging I have been For three score or more in this little isle of green I'm known from the Liffey down to Segue And I'm known by the name of old Johnny Dhu

Of all the trades that's going, I'm sure begging is the best

For when a man is tired, he can sit down and rest He can beg for his dinner, he has nothing else to

Only cut around the corner with his old rig-a-doo

I slept in the barn right down at Caurabawn A wet night came on and I slept until the dawn With holes in the roof and the rain coming through

And the rats and the cats, they were playing peek-a-boo

When who did I waken but the woman of the house

With her white spotty apron and her calico blouse She began to frighten, I said, "Boo Ara don't be afraid, ma'am, it's only Johnny

Ara, don't be afraid, ma'am, it's only Johnny Dhu"

I met a little flaxy-haired girl one day "Good morning, little flaxy-haired girl," I did say "Good morning, little beggarman, and how do you do

With your rags and your tags and your old rig-a-doo?"

I'll buy a pair of leggings and a collar and a tie And a nice young lady I'll fetch by and by I'll buy a pair of goggles, I'll color them blue And an old–fashioned lady I will make her, too

Over the road with me pack on me back Over the fields with me great, heavy sack With holes in me shoes and me toes peeping through

Singing, "Skinny–me–rink–a–doodle–o and old Johnny Dhu"

I must be going to bed for it's getting late at night

The fire's all raked and out goes the light So now you've heard the story of me old rig-a-doo

"It's good-bye and God be with you," says old Johnny Dhu

66 A Little Bit More

(Chorus) A little bit more a little bit more G C DNot very much just a little bit more, G C CA little bit more a little bit more G D GNot very much just a little bit more,

And when the morning came around, You could hear that same auld sound When they came rapping on the door I want to lay on a little bit more. (Chorus) The barman says theres no more beer, Drink up your drink and get out of here, Still you see them hanging 'round the door, Hopeing to get in for a little bit more. (Chorus) I met a girl called Mary Rose I said young girl can I kiss your nose, She said I met your likes before All you want is a little bit more. (Chorus) And when your days are nearly done Before you cross that rubicon The doctor says your time is done, And you pray to the Lord for a little bit more. (Chorus)

67 The Devil Down Below

I used to be a fisherman, on the icy crests we'd ride

Like a banshee on the wind, we'd sail the ocean wide.

From the shoals of Yarmouth Bay to Newfoundland we'd go...

And we'd shout! Shout! Shout! Shout at the Devil down below

Out to the snows of Greenland, into the screaming gale

Out into the storm, chasing down the whale When the harpoon struck, the mighty fish would blow...

And we'd shout! Shout! Shout! Shout at the Devil down below

In our bunks we'd find no solace, no comfort just remorse

We'd curse at the bad fortune that had set us on this course

Gathered 'round the lamplight we'd sing both high and low...

And we'd shout! Shout! Shout! Shout at the Devil down below

From the rocks of Lizard Reef to Plymouth we are bound

The skipper's yelling blood as the jagged cliffs we round

Jack Duggan in the foresail, Billy Reilly in the crow...

And we'd shout! Shout! Shout! Shout at the Devil down below

Only when we'd quenched this mighty vessel's appetite

Would the captain tell us "Lads, we'll be going home tonight!"

We'd turn to the raging sea and we'd raise our fists and yell,

"You won't be seeing us today, you won't be seeing us in Hell!"

Once a shore we'd head into the pub for a tankard full of ale

One day would turn into a week and the time would come to sail

We'd say goodbye to the girls we love, then off from the shore we'd row...

And we'd shout! Shout! Shout! Shout at the Devil down below

And we'd shout! Shout! Shout! Shout at the Devil down below

68 Johnny I Hardly Knew Ya

 $\begin{array}{c} Em \\ \text{While goin' the road to sweet Athy, hurroo,} \\ hurroo \\ Em \\ \text{While goin' the road to sweet Athy, hurroo,} \\ \text{hurroo} \\ D \\ \text{While goin' the road to sweet Athy} \\ Em \\ \text{A stick in me hand and a drop in me eye} \\ G D Em \\ \text{A doleful damsel I} \\ \text{heard cry,} \\ Em \\ \text{Johnny I hardly knew ye.} \end{array}$

(Chorus) With your drums and guns and Bm
guns and drums, hurroo, hurroo
Em
With your drums and guns and guns and G
drums, hurroo, hurroo

With your drums and guns and guns and drums
Em
Bm
The enemy nearly slew ye
G
D
Em
Bm
Oh my darling dear, Ye look so queer
Em
Johnny I hardly knew ye.

Where are your eyes that were so mild, hurroo, hurroo

Where are your eyes that were so mild, hurroo, hurroo

Where are your eyes that were so mild When my heart you so beguiled Why did ye run from me and the child Oh Johnny, I hardly knew ye. (Chorus)

Where are your legs that used to run, hurroo, hurroo

Where are your legs that used to run, hurroo, hurroo

Where are your legs that used to run When you went for to carry a gun Indeed your dancing days are done Oh Johnny, I hardly knew ye. (Chorus)

I'm happy for to see ye home, hurroo, hurroo I'm happy for to see ye home, hurroo, hurroo I'm happy for to see ye home

All from the island of Sulloon

So low in flesh, so high in bone

Oh Johnny I hardly knew ye.

(Chorus)

Ye haven't an arm, ye haven't a leg, hurroo, hurroo

Ye haven't an arm, ye haven't a leg, hurroo, hurroo

Ye haven't an arm, ye haven't a leg Ye're an armless, boneless, chickenless egg Ye'll have to put with a bowl out to beg Oh Johnny I hardly knew ye. (Chorus)

They're rolling out the guns again, hurroo, hurroo They're rolling out the guns again, hurroo, hurroo They're rolling out the guns again But they never will take our sons again No they never will take our sons again Johnny I'm swearing to ye.

69 Blacks and Tans

Bm
I was born in the Dublin street

A
Where the loyal drums do beat,

Bm
And the loving English feet walked all over us;

D
And every single night when me dad would come home tight,

Bm
A
He'd invite the neighbours out with this chorus:

[Chorus] Come out you black and tans,

A
Come out and fight me like a man,

Bm
Show your wife how you won medals down
in Flanders;

D
Tell her how the IRA made you run like hell
away,

Bm
A

From the green and lovely lanes of Bm Killeshandra.

Come tell us how you slew Them ol' Arabs two by two, Like the Zulus they had knives and bows and arrows:

Of how bravely you faced one with your sixteen-pounder gun,

And you frightened all the natives to the marrow. (Chorus)

Come let us hear you tell

How you slammed the brave Parnell,

And taught him well and truly persecuted;

Where are the stares and jeers that you proudly let us hear,

When our heroes of sixteen were executed. (Chorus)

Oh! Come out you British Huns,

Come out and fight without your guns,

Show your wife how you won medals up in Derry; You murdered sixteen men and you'll do the same again,

So get out of here and take your bloody army. (Chorus)

The day is coming fast

And the time is here at last,

When each yeoman will be cast aside before us,

And if there be a need

Sure my kids wil sing, "Godspeed!"

With a verse or two of Steven Beehan's chorus. (Chorus)

70 One More Dollar

Em D C D

(Chorus) One more dime to show for my

G
day

Em D C D G
One more dollar and I'm on my way

Em D C

When I reach those hills, boys

D G

I'll never roam

Em D C D G
One more dollar and I'm going home

No work said the boss at the bunk house door There's a freeze on the branches So when the dice came out at the bar downtown I rolled and I took my chances.

(Chorus)

A long time ago I left my home Just a boy passing twenty Could you spare a coin and a Christian prayer For my luck has turned against me.

(Chorus)

71 Sally Gardens

(Chorus) She bid me to take life easy Em C D GAs the leaves grow on the tree Em D C GBut I was young and fool—ish C D GAnd with her did not agree

In a field down by the river My love and I did stand And upon my leaning shoulder She laid her snow—white hand

She bid me take life easy As the grass grows on the weirs But I was young and foolish And now I am full of tears

(Repeat 1st verse and refrain)

72 All For Me Grog

(Chorus) And it's all for me grog, me jolly

G
jolly grog

D7
All for me beer and tobacco
G
Well I've spent all me tin with the lassies
drinking
G
Gin

D
Far across the western ocean I must (D7-G

Far across the western ocean I must (D7–G) wander

I'm sick in the head and I haven't been to bed Since first I came ashore with me plunder I've seen centipedes and snakes And my head is full off aches And I'll have to make a path for way out yonder (Chorus) Where are me boots, me noggin' noggin' boots They're all sold for beer and tobacco You see the sole's were gettin' thin

And the uppers were letting in And the heels are looking out for better weather (Chorus)

Where is me shirt me noggin' noggin' shirt It's all gone for beer and tobacco You see the sleeves they got worn out And the collar was turned about And the tail is looking out for better weather (Chorus)

Where is me wife me noggin' noggin' wife
She's all sold for beer and tobacco
You see her front it got worn out
And her tail been kicked about
And I'm sure she's looking out for better weather

(Chorus)
Oh, where is me bed me noggin' noggin' bed
It's all sold for beer and tobacco
You see I sold it to the girls
And the springs they got all twirls
And the sheets they're looking out for better
weather
(Chorus)

73 Four Green Fields

G D G
What did I have',
C D
Said the fine old woman.
G D G
What did I have',
C D
This proud old woman did say.
'I had four green fields,
Each one was a jewel.
But strangers came
And tried to take them from me.
But my fine strong sons
They fought to save my jewels.
C D
They fought and they died
G D G
And that was my grief', said she.

'Long time ago',
Said the fine old woman,
'Long time ago',
This proud old woman did say.
'There was war and death,
Plundering and pillage.
My children starved
By mountain, valley and stream.
And their wailing cries
They reached the very heavens.
And my four green fields
Ran red with their blood', said she.

'What have I now',
Said the fine old woman.
'What have I now',
This proud old woman did say.
'I have four green fields,
One of them's in bondage.
In strangers' hands,
That try to take it from me.
But my sons have sons
As brave as were their fathers.
And my four green fields
Will bloom once again', said she.

74 The Last Rose Of Summer

'Tis the last rose of summer left blooming alone All her lovely companions are faded and gone No flower of her kindred, no rosebud is nigh To reflect back her blushes and give sigh for sigh

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one, to pine on the stem

Since the lovely are sleeping, go sleep thou with them

Thus kindly I scatter thy leaves o'er the bed Where thy mates of the garden lie scentless and dead

So soon may I follow when friendships decay And from love's shining circle the gems drop away When true hearts lie withered and fond ones are flown

Oh who would inhabit this bleak world alone?

75 Big Rock Candy Mountains

One evening as the sun went down And the jungle fire was burning, Down the track came a hobo hiking, And he said, "Boys, I'm not turning I'm headed for a land that's far away Besides the crystal fountains So come with me, we'll go and see The Big Rock Candy Mountains

In the Big Rock Candy Mountains, There's a land that's fair and bright, Where the handouts grow on bushes And you sleep out every night Where the boxcars all are empty And the sun shines every day On the birds and the bees And the cigarette trees The lemonade springs Where the bluebird sings In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

In the Big Rock Candy Mountains All the cops have wooden legs And the bulldogs all have rubber teeth And the hens lay soft-boiled eggs The farmers' trees are full of fruit And the barns are full of hay Oh I'm bound to go Where there ain't no snow Where the rain don't fall The wind don't blow In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

In the Big Rock Candy Mountains You never change your socks And the little streams of alcohol Come trickling down the rocks The brakemen have to tip their hats And the railroad bulls are blind There's a lake of stew And of whiskey, too You can paddle all around 'em In a big canoe In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

In the Big Rock Candy Mountains, The jails are made of tin And you can walk right out again, As soon as you are in There ain't no short-handled shovels, No axes, saws or picks, I'ma goin' to stay Where you sleep all day, Where they hung the Turk That invented work In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

I'll see you all this coming Fall In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

76 Eileen Aroon

 $\stackrel{\textstyle D}{\rm I}$ know a valley fair, Ei—leen A—roon D G D I know a cottage there, Ei—leen A—roon D A D G A D Flow'r of the hazel glade, Ei—leen Aroon

Who in the song so sweet, Eileen Aroon Who in the dance so fleet, Eileen Aroon Dear are her charms to me, dearer her laughter

Dearest her constancy, Eileen Aroon

Were she no longer true, Eileen Aroon What would her lover do, Eileen Aroon Fly with a broken chain, far o'er the sounding

Never to love again, Eileen Aroon

Youth will in time decay, Eileen Aroon Beauty must fade away, Eileen Aroon Castles are sacked in war, chieftains are scattered

Truth is a fixed star, Eileen Aroon

GDGDGAD Eileen Aroon, Eileen Aroon, Eileen Aroon

77 Dooley

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He lived below the mill

Dooley had two daughters and a forty gallon still

One gal watched the boiler the other watched the

spout

Mama corked the bottles when old Dooley fetched them out

(Chorus) Dooley, slipping up the holler Dooley, trying to make a dollar Dooley, give me a swaller and I'll pay you back some day

The revenuers came for him a slipping through the woods Dooley kept behind them all and never lost his goods Dooley was a trader when into town he'd come Sugar by the bushel and molasses by the ton (Chorus) I remember very well the day old Dooley died The women to the word of the w

78 The Foggy Dew

Bm'Twas down the glen one Easter morn D A BmTo a city fair rode I. Bm AWhen armed line of marching men D A BmIn squadrons passed me by. D A BmNo pipes did hum, no battle drum A BmDid sound its loud tattoo Bm ABut the Angelus bell o'er the Liffey's swell D BmRang out in the (A/Fm) foggy dew.

Right proudly high over Dublin town
They hung out a flag of war.
'Twas better to die 'neath an Irish sky
Than at Suvla or Sud el Bar.
And from the plains of Royal Meath
Strong men came hurrying through;
While Brittania's huns with their great big guns
Sailed in through the foggy dew.

'Twas England bade our wild geese go That small nations might be free. But their lonely graves are by Suvla's waves On the fringe of the gray North Sea. But had they died by Pearse's side Or fought with Cathal Brugha, Their names we'd keep where the Fenians sleep 'Neath the shroud of the foggy dew. The night fell black and the rifle crack Made Perfidious Albion reel Mid the leaden rain seven tongues of flame Shone out o'er the line of steel By each shining blade a prayer was said That to Ireland her sons be true When the morning broke still the war flag shook Out its folds in the foggy dew.

For those who died that Eastertide
In the springing of the year.
And the world did gaze with deep amaze
At those fearless men, but few
Who bore the fight that freedom's light
Might shine through the foggy dew.

And back through the glen
I rode again and my heart with grief was sore
For I parted then with valiant men
That I shall see no more
But to and fro in my dreams I'll go
And I'll kneel and pray for you
For slavery fled, O glorious Dead,
When you fell in the foggy dew!

79 Marie's Wedding

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Over hillways, up and down
Myrtle green and bracken brown
Past the sheilings through the town
All for the sake of marie
(Refrain)
Red her cheeks as rowan's are
Bright her eyes as any star
Fairest of them all by far
Is our darlin' marie
(Refrain)
Plenty herring, plenty meal
Plenty peat to fill her kreel
Plenty bonnie bairns as well
That's the toast for Marie
(Refrain 2x)

80 Amazing Grace

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

81 New York Girls

As I walked down the Broadway one evening in DJuly GI met a maid who asked my trade – A sailor lad

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G
says I

To Tiffany's I took her, I did not mind expense An' I bought her two gold ear-rings, and they cost me fifty cents

(Chorus) And away Santy – My dear Annie G C G D O you New York girls, can't you dance the G polka

Says she – You lime–juice sailor, now see me home you may

But when we reached her cottage door, she unto me did say

She says her man's a Yankee, with his hair cut short behind

And he wears a pair of tall sea boots and he sails in the Blackball Line

(Chorus)

He's homeward bound this evening, and with me he will stay

So get a move on sailor boy, get cracking on your way!

(Chorus)

I kissed her hard and proper, before her yankee came

So fare ya well you Bowery girl, I know your little game.

(Chorus)

I wrapped me rags right round me and to the docks did steer.

I'll never court another girl, I'll stick to rum and beer

(Chorus)

I joined a yankee slug boat, we're set to sail next morn.

Don't ever mess with women boys, you're safer round cape horn!

(Chorus)

Repeat 15 more times or so....

82 Take 'Em Away

(Chorus) Take 'em away, take 'em away, Lord G D Take away these chains from me G C My heart is broken 'cause my spirit's not free G D G Lord take away these chains from me Some birds' feathers are too bright to be

Some birds' feathers are too bright to be caged
I know I'm not that colorful but a bird just

the same
Open up your gate now, let me put down

my load So I can feel at ease and go back to my

(Chorus)

home

Sun beatin' down, my legs can't seem to stand

There's a boss man at a turnrow with a rifle in his hand

I've got nine children, nothin' in the pan My wife she died hungry while I was plowin' land

(Chorus)

Can't see when I go to work, can't see when I get off

How do you expect a man not to get lost Every year I just keep getting deeper in debt

If there's a happy day, Lord, I haven't seen one yet

(Chorus)

Land that I love is the land that I'm workin' But it's hard to love it all the time when your back is a-hurtin'

Gettin' too old now to push this here plow Please let me lay down so I can look at the clouds

(Chorus)

Land that I know is where two rivers collide The Brazos the Navaho and the big blue sky Flood plains, freight trains, watermelon vines

Of any place on God's green earth, this is where I choose to die

83 Sally Gardens

(Chorus) She bid me to take life easy Em C D GAs the leaves grow on the tree Em D C GBut I was young and fool—ish C D GAnd with her did not agree

In a field down by the river My love and I did stand And upon my leaning shoulder She laid her snow—white hand

She bid me take life easy As the grass grows on the weirs But I was young and foolish And now I am full of tears

(Repeat 1st verse and refrain)

84 The Black Velvet Band

In a neat little town they called Belfast AApprentice to trade I was bound DBm
And many an hour sweet happiness GA DHave I spent in that neat little town DAs sad misfortune came over me
Which caused me to stray from the land DFar away from me friends and relations GBetrayed by the black velvet band

 $\stackrel{\textstyle D}{Her}$ eyes they shown like diamonds $\stackrel{\textstyle A}{A}$ I thought her the queen of the land (And she was!) $\stackrel{\textstyle D}{D}$ $\stackrel{\textstyle Bm}{And}$ And her hair, it hung over her shoulder $\stackrel{\textstyle G}{G}$ $\stackrel{\textstyle A}{A}$ $\stackrel{\textstyle D}{D}$ Tied up with a black velvet band

I took a stroll down broadway Meaning not long for to stay When who should I meet but this pretty fair maid Come a-traipsing along the highway She was both fair and handsome Her neck, it was just like a swan And her hair, it hung over her shoulder Tied up with a black velvet band (Chorus) I took a stroll with this pretty fair maid And a gentleman passing us by Well, I knew she meant the doing of him By the look in her roguish black eye A gold watch she took from his pocket And placed it right into my hand And the very first thing that I said, was Bad 'cess to the black velvet band (Chorus) Before the judge and the jury Next morning, I had to appear The judge, he says to me: "Young man, you're case it is proven clear Seven long years penal servitude To be spent far away from the land Far away from your friends and relations Betrayed by the black velvet band" (Chorus) So come all you jolly young fellows A warning take by me When you are out on the town, me lads Beware of the pretty colleens They'll feed you with strong drink (Oh yeah!) 'Till you are unable to stand And the very first thing that you'll know is You've landed in Van Diemens Land (Chorus)

85 Drunken Sailor

Em What do you do with a drunken sailor, D What do you do with a drunken sailor, Em What do you do with a drunken sailor, Em D Em Earl—eye in the morning!

Em (Chorus) Way hay and up she rises **D** Way hay and up she rises **Em** Way hay and up she rises Earl-eye in the morning

Shave his belly with a rusty razor, Shave his belly with a rusty razor, Shave his belly with a rusty razor, Earl—eye in the morning! (Chorus)

Stick him in a barrel with a hosepipe on him Stick him in a barrel with a hosepipe on him Stick him in a barrel with a hosepipe on him Earl—eye in the morning!

(Chorus)

Put him the back of the paddy wagon, Put him the back of the paddy wagon, Put him the back of the paddy wagon, Earl—eye in the morning!

(Chorus)

Throw him in the lock-up 'til he's sober, Throw him in the lock-up 'til he's sober, Throw him in the lock-up 'til he's sober, Earl—eye in the morning!

(Chorus)

Put him in a class with Dr. Olsson, (*Name may vary)

Put him in a class with Dr. Olsson, Put him in a class with Dr. Olsson,

Earl—eye in the morning!

(Chorus)

What do you do with a drunken sailor, What do you do with a drunken sailor,

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Earl—eye in the morning!

(Chorus 2x)

86 Dooley

G C Dooley was a good old man G D He lived below the mill G C G G G G Dooley had two daughters and a forty gallon still One gal watched the boiler the other watched the

Mama corked the bottles when old Dooley fetched them out

(Chorus) $\overline{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}}$ (Chorus) Dooley, slipping up the holler ${\color{red}{C}}$ Dooley, trying to make a dollar $m{G}$ Dooley, give me a swaller and I'll pay you back some day

The revenuers came for him a slipping through the woods

Dooley kept behind them all and never lost his goods

Dooley was a trader when into town he'd come Sugar by the bushel and molasses by the ton (Chorus)

I remember very well the day old Dooley died The women folk looked sorry and the men stood 'round and cried

Now Dooley's on the mountain he lies there all

They put a jug beside him and a barrel for a stone (Chorus)

87 Rose Red Round

Rose, Rose, Rose red, Will I ever see thee wed? I will marry at thy will, sire At thy will.

Ding ding ding dong Wedding bells on an April morn' Carve thy name on a moss covered stone On a moss covered stone.

Heigh-ho, nobody home Meat, nor drink, nor money have I none. Yet I will be merry. Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho.

Little bird Take thy flight, High above the sorrows Of this dark night.

88 The Parting Glass

Of all the money that e'er I had I spent it in good company And all the harm I've ever done Alas, it was to none but me And all I've done for want of wit To memory now I can't recall So fill to me the parting glass Good night and joy be with you all

Of all the comrades that e'er I had They're sorry for my going away And all the sweethearts that e'er I had They'd wish me one more day to stay But since it fell into my lot That I should rise and you should not I'll gently rise and softly call "Good night and joy be with you all"

If I had money enough to spend And Leisure time to stay awhile, There is a fair maid in this town Who surely has my heart beguiled Her rosy cheeks and ruby lips My own, she has my heart enthralled So I'll gently rise and softly call "Goodnight and joy to be with you all."

89 Annie Laurie

GMaxwellton braes are bonnie, G DWhere early fa's the dew, G CAnd 'twas there that Annie Laurie G D GGave me her promise true. D7 GGave me her promise true, D7 GWhich ne'er forgot will be, C GAnd for bonnie Annie Laurie, D GI lay me doon and dee.

Her brow is like the snowdrift, Her neck is like a swan, Her face it is the fairest That e'er the sun shone on. That e'er the sun shone on, And dark blue is her ee, And for bonnie Annie Laurie I lay me doon and dee.

Like dew on th' gowan lying, Is the fa' o' her fairy feet, And like winds in summer sighing Her voice is low and sweet. Her voice is low and sweet, And she's a' the world to me, And for bonnie Annie Laurie, I lay me doon and dee.

90 Roddy McCorley

O see the fleet–foot host of men, who speed with faces drawn,

From farmstead and from fishers' hut, along the banks of Ban:

They come with vengeance in their eyes. Too late! Too late are they,

For young Roddy McCorley goes to die on the bridge of Toome today.

Up the narrow street he stepped, smiling, proud and young.

About the hemp–rope on his neck, the golden ringlets clung;

There's ne'er a tear in his blue eyes, both glad and bright are they,

As young Roddy McCorley goes to die on the bridge of Toome today.

When he last stepped up that street, his shining pike in hand

Behind him marched, in grim array, a stalwart earnest band.

To Antrim town! To Antrim town, he led them to the fray,

As young Roddy McCorley goes to die on the bridge of Toome today.

There's never a one of all your dead more bravely fell in fray

Than he who marches to his fate on the bridge of Toome today:

True to the last! True to the last, he treads the upwards way,

And young Roddy McCorley goes to die on the bridge of Toome today.

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91 Danny Boy

Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling From glen to glen, and down the mountain side. The summer's gone, and all the roses falling, It's you, it's you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow, Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow, It's I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow, Oh, Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so!

But when ye come, and all the flowers are dying, If I am dead, as dead I well may be, You'll come and find the place where I am lying, And kneel and say an Ave there for me.

And I shall hear, though soft you tread above me, And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be, For you will bend and tell me that you love me, And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me!

92 Back in the Saddle Again

Ridin' the range once more Totin' my old .44 Where you sleep out every night And the only law is right Back in the saddle again

C
Whoopi-ty-aye-oh
G
Rockin' to and fro
back in the saddle (D-D7)again
C
Whoopi-ty-aye-yay
G
Em
I go my way
A
D
G
Back in the saddle again
(Repeat)

93 Cavan Girl

- As I walk the road from Killeshandra, weary, I sat down
- For it's twelve long miles around the lake to get to Cavan Town
- Though Oughter and the road I go once seemed beyond compare
- Now I curse the time it takes to reach my Cavan girl, so fair
- The Autumn shades are on the leaves, the trees will soon be bare
- Each red–coat leaf around me seems the colour of her hair
- My gaze retreats, defies my feet, and once again I sigh
- As the broken pool of sky reminds the colour of her eyes
- At the Cavan cross each Sunday morning, where she can be found
- And she seems to have the eye of every boy in Cavan Town
- If my luck will hold I'll have the golden summer of her smile
- And to break the hearts of Cavan men she'll talk to me a while
- So next Sunday evening finds me homeward, Killeshandra bound
- To work the week 'til I return to court in Cavan Town
- When asked if she would be my bride, at least she'd not say no
- So next Sunday morning I'll rouse myself and back to her, I'll go