On Raglan Road









[a well-known Irish song from a poem written by Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh in

Oct 1946, named after Raglan Road in Ballsbridge, Dublin. In the poem, the

speaker recalls a love affair that he had with a young woman while walking on a

"quiet street". Although the speaker knew that he would risk being hurt if he

initiated a relationship, he did so anyway; music by Luke Kelly of The Dubliners

1971, set to the music of the traditional song "The Dawning of the Day" (Fáinne

Geal an Lae)]

On [G] Rag...lan Ro...ad of an Au...tumn [C] day... I [G] saw.... Her... [C] first and [G] knew...

That [C] her... dark hair... would [G] weave... a [Em] snare... that [G] I... might of [D] rue...

I [C] saw... the dan...ger [G] and... I [Em] passed... a [G] long the enchant...ed [I And I [G] said Let grief be a falling [C] leeeeaf... At the [G] dawn...ing [C] of... the

On [G] Grafton Street... in Novem [C] ber we walked [G] lightly a [C] long the [G] of a [C] deep... ravine... where [G] can be [Em] seen... the [G] worth... of passic [D] pledge...

The [C] Queen of Hearts.... still [G] ma...king... [Em] tarts, and [G] I... not makin Oh I [G] loved too much... and by such, by [C] such... is [G] ha...ppiness [C] thr [G] way

I [G] gave... her gifts of the mi [C] ind... I [G] gave... her the [C] secret [G] sign That's [C] known to the ar...tists [G] who have [Em] known... the [G] true gods. sound... and [D] stone

And [C] word and tint [G] without... [Em] stint, I... [G] gave her po...ems to say.. With her [G] own name there and... her long dark... [C] hair... Like... [G] clouds [C] fields of [G] May...

On a [G] quiet street... where old ghosts [C] meet... I... [G] see her [C] walk...ing A [C] way... from me... so [G] hurried... [Em] ly... my [G] reason must... al... [D] to That [C] I have loved.... not [G] as I... [Em] should... a [G] creature made... of clawhen [G] angel... woos the clay he'll... [C] lose his [G] wings... at the [C] dawn.. [G] day.