

Need Not Apply



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SSG is excited to release its first LP album! We think it is an excellent collection of songs that illustrate the culture and history of Ireland, and better yet... anyone can enjoy them! Irish or not. Irish music is about going through a struggle, and we can all relate to that. We are excited to continue our mission of spreading awareness of Irish music and culture. Thank you for helping us accomplish that! — SSG

## About the songs on **NEED NOT APPLY**

For our first album, we wanted to select songs that would showcase our uniqueness and the traditional sorrow and rebelliousness of Irish music. Furthermore, the songs are meant to give a brief, but thorough, depiction of the Irish story. To that end, we recorded songs that are less common and songs that we perform very differently from other popular versions. We hope that these six songs help to teach a little about Ireland and its history, especially to people who know nothing about it.

**COME OUT YE BLACK AND TANS** is one of our favorites. It is the perfect song of rebellion, reflecting the historical atrocities endured by the Irish. Yet it is not too graphic to stop our drummer from singing it as a lullaby to his daughter. Of all of our songs, this one has changed the most since we started playing it, and all for the better.

Thanks to the fantastic Christy Moore, **BACK HOME IN DERRY** follows the same great melody as the *Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*. It expresses the resentful tale of rebels who were banished to Australia, something that happened very commonly.

**WHISKEY IN THE JAR** is the most traditional song on this album, bearing an unknown origin centuries ago. It tells the humorous tale of a highwayman being betrayed by his wife and the dangers of the Irish countryside. We simply could not leave one of the most iconic Irish songs of all time off of this album.

Our favorite ballad, **SPANCIL HILL**, relates the story of a man who immigrated from Ireland and longed to return home. All of the people and places in the story are real. We love the eerie and sad nostalgia that must have haunted millions of Irish immigrants like him.

Historically, Ireland hosted a large population of pirates, even at one point having a pirate Queen Grace O'Malley who rebelled against Queen Elizabeth I. Because most people do not know this, we decided to include one song that is not technically of Irish origin, although Chicago native Roger McGuinn (*The Byrds*) presumably has Irish ancestry. **JOLLY ROGER** gives a thorough depiction of the rebellious pirate life that describes so many Irishmen. Moreover, the song has a fun melody that resembles many Irish songs.

Finally, we had to include one happy song. **GALWAY GIRL** gives a taste of love and longing that every album needs. It depicts the wonderful reputation of what it is like to travel to Ireland and witness the beautiful music and landscape... and women!

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1. Come Out Ye Black and Tans
2. Back Home in Derry
3. Whiskey in the Jar
4. Spancil Hill
5. Jolly Roger
6. Galway Girl

## CREDITS

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# 1. Come Out Ye Black and Tans - 3:39

*Dominic Behan*

# 2. Back Home in Derry - 5:08

*Bobby Sands*

# 3. Whiskey in the Jar - 3:04

*Traditional*

# 4. Spancil Hill - 3:47

*Michael Considine*

# 5. Jolly Roger - 5:47

*Roger McGuinn*

# 6. Galway Girl - 2:42

*Steve Earle*



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