

# ZOUKI'S "I'M FED UP!" CONTEST

*Behold, normal people - the academics are signing off the List in droves. Time to rush off on their 12-week paid vacations, skipping off to Willie Week and the Catskills while we peasants swelter.*

*But - we who feel deeply about stuff now have IRTRAD to ourselves!*

*So in the spirit of some recent exchanges, I have decided that it's time for...*

*Zouki's "I'm Fed Up" contest! Yay catharsis! Let's get right to it!*

## **(1) the single most annoying element of Irish traditional music is:**

- (a) the backup on any Michael Coleman record
- (b) trying to figure out the individual tunes on a "reel set" or "jig set" played on that cheesy no-name ceili band LP your aunt bought you for your birthday
- (c) slow airs that exceed the ten-minute endurance limit
- (d) session singers who can't be heard three seats away
- (e) session singers who CAN be heard three seats away

## **(2) In plotting the "accidental" death of your most skilled musical rival, you should:**

- (a) pick up a book on Druidic poisons at Wal-Mart and practice on your neighbor's chickens
- (b) check your favorite travel website to see when Haiti's best voodoo festivals and workshops are happening
- (c) stay awake till all hours trying to figure out how to booby-trap a bodhrán
- (d) suggest to him that you have a few beers and play a few tunes down by what everyone in town thinks are the unused Conrail tracks

## **(3) When some dwilf at your cousin's wedding sees you with a fiddle and demands that you play 'Danny Boy', you should**

- (a) pretend that you're an Afghan refugee who doesn't know the tune
- (b) play the first four notes then vomit on his shoe
- (c) tell him you have a big boil on your left pinky that will probably pop when you go for the high note
- (d) tell him you're only minding the fiddle for the big weight-lifting dude who just went to the can

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(e) smack him severely upside the head with the fiddle, then tell the police that you were experiencing "Keltic rage" when you did it

**(4) Some schmoe in IRTRAD-land has just told the entire list that she thinks your favorite band are a bunch of incompetent tone-deaf morons. Your reaction:**

(a) a 20K post accusing her of everything from carnal knowledge of komodo dragons to postal law violations

(b) a meek response that you hope will buy time until you can find out who HER favorite band is

(c) a 20K post questioning her right to have an opinion you don't share

(d) you try to find her home address and the phone number of a local hit man

(e) you pretend shock at her insensitivity to the efforts of the musically challenged

**(5) The person you'd most like to hit repeatedly if not fatally with a softball bat is:**

(a) the guy who came up with the "Celtic Women" extravaganzas

(b) anyone opposed to reverse castration of Irish tenors

(c) the guy who first decided that mother-of-pearl and piano accordions were made for each other

(d) the late Shel Silverstein, author of "The Unicorn"

(e) your local 25-watt station's Saturday afternoon "Seltic" dee-jay who thinks that Flanagan and Allen represent sean-nós singing at its best

*Enough for now ... whatever you answered was correct if you can feel that hatred pulsating through your tired arteries! ... yeah ... feels good, doesn't it? ...*

