

THE CORNED BEEF OF OLD IRELAND

**TUNE: "THE ROAST BEEF OF OLD ENGLAND"
(R.V. WILLIAMS) (MORE OR LESS)**

**NOW TASTY CORNED BEEF IS AN IRISH DELIGHT
WE ENJOY IT WITH CABBAGE BY DAY AND BY NIGHT
WITH POTATOES AND CARROTS TO MAKE IT TASTE RIGHT
AND WASH IT ALL DOWN WITH A GUINNESS
'TIS THE IRISHMAN'S BEVERAGE OF CHOICE!**

**THE IRISH OF OLD WERE ROBUST STOUT AND STRONG
AT LEAST TILL THE ENGLISHMEN HAPPENED ALONG
THEN SUDDENLY EVERYTHING SEEMED TO GO WRONG
THE NATIVE CUISINE WAS LOOKED DOWN ON
TEA AND CRUMPETS WERE PROPER, YOU SEE!**

**THE SAXONS EXPLAINED "NOW YOU MUST UNDERSTAND
THERE'S A REASON WE'RE TAKING YOUR BEST BITS OF LAND
WE NEED ROOM TO HUNT FOXES, SO YOU IRISH ARE BANNED
FROM RAISING YOUR CATTLE FOR CORNED BEEF
BUT WE'LL LEAVE THE POTATOES ALONE!"**

**THE ENGLISH INVADERS WERE DEVIOUS AND SHREWD
AND PUT ALL THE GAELS IN A TERRIBLE MOOD
THEY'D COME OVER IN SUMMER JUST TO SWIM IN THE (OCEAN?)
AND IGNORE THE CORNED BEEF OF OLD IRELAND
OLD IRELAND'S DELICIOUS CORNED BEEF !**

**IN THOSE DAYS IF FLEETS DID PRESUME ON THE MAIN
HORATIO LORD NELSON COULD BECOME QUITE A PAIN
ALL NAVAL CUISINE HE REFUSED WITH DISDAIN -
ALL HE WANTED WAS CORNED BEEF FROM IRELAND
THREE CHEERS FOR OLD IRELAND'S CORNED BEEF!**

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