

BANKS OF SWEET LOUGH NEAGH

MY [G] THOUGHTS IN [Bm] FANCY [D] TAKE THEIR FLIGHT
TO [Em] DAYS WHEN [C] BUT A [G] BOY
QUITE [G] CARELESS [C] LY I [D] WANDERED THROUGH
[C] MY BE- [D7] LOVED MOUNT- [G] JOY
I HAVE [G] SEEN GREAT [C] LANDS AND [D] MANSIONS GRAND
AND [C] CITIES [D] BUSY AND [Em] GAY
BUT NO [G] FINER [Bm] SPOT THAN A [D] FISHER'S COT
ON THE [Bm] BANKS OF [C] SWEET LOUGH [G] NEAGH!

NOW I WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS GOLD
AND WEALTH IN FOREIGN PARTS
BUT MILLIONAIRES CAN HAVE THEIR CARES
AND SOMETIMES BROKEN HEARTS
BUT A HEART THAT'S LIGHT AND A SMILE THAT'S BRIGHT
YOU CAN FIND THEM EVERY DAY
IN THIS BLESSED SPOT WITH ITS FISHER'S COT
ON THE BANKS OF SWEET LOUGH NEAGH!

I HAVE MET SOME FRIENDS NOW OF MY YOUTH
WHO TOO WERE FORCED TO ROAM
WITH TEAR-FILLED EYES THEY RECOGNIZE
THERE'S NO PLACE QUITE LIKE HOME
BUT IF GOD WOULD GRANT THEM EACH ONE WISH
WITH EAGER HEARTS THEY WOULD PRAY
FOR A PEACEFUL BED TO LAY THEIR HEAD
ON THE BANKS OF SWEET LOUGH NEAGH!

WHERE IS THAT PRETTY COLLEEN NOW
WITH WHOM I WENT TO SCHOOL?
PERHAPS SHE TOOK A WOMAN'S VOWS
AND LIVES THE GOLDEN RULE
WHILE I'M ALONE AND FAR FROM HOME
NO CHILDREN HAPPY AND GAY
YES, SAD MY LOT FAR FROM THAT COT
ON THE BANKS OF SWEET LOUGH NEAGH!

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**AND NOW, DEAR FRIENDS, MY MUSING ENDS
AND I'M COMING HOME ONCE MORE
IN A SHADY NOOK TO BAIT MY HOOK
ALONG THAT EMERALD SHORE
MY NET TO TRAWL, MY LINE TO HAUL
MY BOAT TO BRING TO BAY
NEVER MORE TO ROAM FROM MY CHERISHED HOME
ON THE BANKS OF SWEET LOUGH NEAGH!**