

## ***LOVELY LEITRIM***

**LAST NIGHT I HAD A PLEASANT DREAM, I WOKE UP WITH A SMILE  
I DREAMED THAT I WAS BACK AGAIN IN DEAR OLD ERIN'S ISLE  
I THOUGHT I SAW LOUGH ALLEN'S BANKS  
IN THE VALLEY DOWN BELOW  
IT WAS MY LOVELY LEITRIM  
WHERE THE SHANNON WATERS FLOW.**

**I STOOD ENCHANTED BY THE SCENE OF GRANDEUR AND DELIGHT  
THEN I STROLLED ON TO CARRICK TOWN BEFORE THE DARK OF NIGHT  
I PASSED SHEEMORE, THAT FAIRY HILL,  
WHERE FLOWERS FINE DO GROW  
AND I SAW THE GRAVE OF FINN MACCOOL  
WERE THE SHANNON WATERS FLOW.**

**I NEXT DID VISIT FENAGH TOWN WITH HER ANCIENT ABBEY WALLS  
WHERE THE TEACHING OF THE HOLY MONKS  
ONCE ECHOED THRU HER HALLS  
I STOOD WITH REVERENCE ON THE SPOT  
RELUCTANT FOR TO GO  
FROM THE TOWN OF SAINTS AND SAGES  
WHERE THE SHANNON WATERS FLOW.**

**MY EYES ARE DIMMED AND WET WITH TEARS -  
I MUST BE DREAMING STILL  
I THOUGHT I SAW THOSE HEROES  
WHO DIED ON SELTON HILL,  
BUT THE FOG IS LIFTING FROM THE SCENE  
AND I AM FORCED TO GO,  
AND LEAVE THE LAND SO FAIR AND GRAND  
WHERE THE SHANNON WATERS FLOW.**

**IN ALL THE LANDS THAT I HAVE BEEN  
THROUGHOUT THE EAST AND WEST,  
IN ALL THE LANDS THAT I HAVE SEEN  
I LOVE MY OWN THE BEST.  
AND IF EVER I RETURN AGAIN, THE FIRST PLACE I WILL GO,  
WILL BE TO LOVELY LEITRIM  
WHERE THE SHANNON WATERS FLOW!**