

MRS. McGRATH

**"OH MRS. McGRATH" THE SERGEANT SAID
"WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A SOLDIER
OUT OF YOUR SON TED?
WITH A SCARLET COAT AND A BIG TALL HAT -
NOW MRS. McGRATH, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE THAT?"**

***WITH YOUR TOORIYAY, FOL DE DIDDLE DAY
TOO RI, TOO RI, TOO RI YAY!***

**NOW MRS. McGRATH LIVED ALONG THE SHORE
FOR A SPACE OF SEVEN LONG YEARS OR MORE
TILL SHE SAW A BIG SHIP COMING INTO THE BAY
"HERE'S MY SON TED - WILL YE CLEAR THE WAY?"**

**"OH CAPTAIN DEAR - WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
HAVE YOU BEEN SAILING DOWN IN THE MEDITEREEN?
WILL YOU GIVE ME NEWS OF MY SON TED -
IS THE POOR BOY LIVING OR IS HE DEAD?"**

**WELL UP COMES TED WITHOUT ANY LEGS
AND IN THEIR PLACE HE HAD TWO WOODEN PEGS
WELL SHE KISSED HIM A DOZEN TIMES OR TWO
SAYING "GLORY BE TO GOD - SURE IT WOULDN'T BE YOU!"**

**"OH WERE YE DRUNK OR WERE YE BLIND
THAT YOU LEFT YOUR TWO FINE LEGS BEHIND?
OR WERE YOU WALKING ON THE SEA
WHEN A BIG FISH SNATCHED YOUR LEGS AWAY?"**

**"WELL I WASN'T DRUNK AND I WASN'T BLIND
WHEN I LEFT MY TWO FINE LEGS BEHIND
BUT A BIG CANNON-BALL ON THE FIFTH OF MAY
TORE MY TWO FINE LEGS FROM THE KNEES AWAY!"**

**"ALL FOREIGN WARS I DO PROCLAIM
BETWEEN DON JEWAN AND THE KING OF SPAIN
AND BE HERRINS I'LL MAKE THEM RUE THE TIME
THAT THEY SWEEP THE LEGS FROM A CHILD OF MINE!"**