

The ORANGE and the GREEN

TUNE: "RISING OF THE MOON"

**OH, IT IS THE BIGGEST MIXUP THAT YOU HAVE EVER SEEN
MY FATHER WAS AN ORANGEMEN, MY MOTHER SHE WAS GREEN!**

**OH, MY FATHER WAS AN ULSTERMAN, PROUD PROTESTANT WAS HE
MY MOTHER WAS A CATHOLIC AND FROM COUNTY CORK WAS SHE -
THEY WERE MARRIED IN TWO CHURCHES AND LIVED HAPPILY ENOUGH
UNTIL THE DAY THAT I WAS BORN AND THINGS GOT RATHER TOUGH!**

**BAPTIZED BY FATHER REILLY I WAS RUSHED AWAY BY CAR
TO BE MADE A LITTLE ORANGEMAN, MY FATHER'S SHINING STAR.
I WAS CHRISTENED *DAVID ANTHONY* BUT STILL IN SPITE OF THAT
TO ME FATHER I WAS BILLY WHILE MY MOTHER CALLED ME PAT!**

**WITH MY MOTHER EVERY SUNDAY TO MASS I'D PROUDLY STROLL
AND AFTER THAT THE ORANGE FOLKS WOULD TRY TO SAVE MY SOUL.
AND BOTH SIDES TRIED TO CLAIM ME, BUT I WAS SMART BECAUSE
I'D PLAY THE FLUTE OR PLAY THE HARP DEPENDING WERE I WAS!**

**AND WHEN I'D SING THOSE REBEL SONGS MUCH TO MY MOTHER'S JOY
MY FATHER WOULD JUMP UP AND SAY "NOW LISTEN, BILL ME BOY -
THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH OF THAT LOT!" AND HE'D TOSS ME O'ER A COIN
TO HAVE ME SING *OLD ORANGE FLUTE* OR *THE HEROES OF THE BOYNE*.**

**ONE DAY MY MA'S RELATIONS CAME AROUND TO VISIT ME
JUST AS MY FATHER'S KINFOLK WERE SITTING DOWN TO TEA
WE TRIED TO SMOOTH THINGS OVER, BUT THEY ALL BEGAN TO FIGHT,
AND ME, BEING STRICTLY NEUTRAL, I KICKED EVERYONE IN SIGHT!**

**MY PARENTS NEVER COULD AGREE ABOUT MY TYPE OF SCHOOL -
MY LEARNING WAS ALL DONE AT HOME, THAT'S WHY I'M SUCH A FOOL!
THEY'VE BOTH PASSED ON, GOD REST 'EM, BUT I WAS LEFT BETWEEN
THAT AWFUL COLOUR PROBLEM OF THE ORANGE AND THE GREEN!**