

ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN

IN THE MERRY MONTH OF JUNE, FROM MY HOME I STARTED
LEFT THE GIRLS OF TUAM NEARLY BROKEN-HEARTED
SALUTED FATHER DEAR, KISSED ME DARLIN' MOTHER
DRANK A PINT OF BEER MY GRIEF AND TEARS TO SMOTHER
THEN OFF TO REAP THE CORN, LEAVE WHERE I WAS BORN
CUT A STOUT BLACKTHORN TO BANISH GHOST AND GOBLIN
A BRAND-NEW PAIR OF BROGUES, RATTLING O'ER THE BOGS
FRIGHTENING ALL THE DOGS ON THE ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN...

*ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE, HUNT THE HARE AND TURN HER
DOWN THE ROCKY ROAD AND ALL THE WAY TO DUBLIN
WHACK FOL LALDY RA!*

WHEN IN MULLINGAR THAT NIGHT I RESTED LIMBS SO WEARY
GOT UP BY DAYLIGHT, MY SPIRITS BLITHE AND AIRY
TOOK A DROP OF THE PURE TO KEEP MY HEART FROM SINKING
- THAT'S THE PADDY'S CURE WHENEVER HE'S ON FOR DRINKING
TO SEE THE LASSIES SMILE, LAUGHING ALL THE WHILE
AT MY CURIOUS STYLE, WOULD SET YOUR HEART A-BUBBLIN'
ASKED ME WAS I HIRED, WAGES I REQUIRED
TILL I WAS ALMOST TIRED OF THE ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN...

WELL IN DUBLIN NEXT ARRIVED AND THOUGHT IT SUCH A PITY
TO BE SO SOON DEPRIVED A VIEW OF THAT FINE CITY
SO I TOOK A STROLL ALL AMONG THE QUALITY
TILL MY BUNDLE IT WAS STOLEN IN A NEAT LOCALITY
SOMETHING CROSSED MY MIND - WHEN I LOOKED BEHIND
NO BUNDLE COULD I FIND UPON MY STICK A-WOBBLIN'
INQUIRING FOR THE ROGUE, SAID MY CONNACHT BROGUE
WASN'T MUCH IN VOGUE ON THE ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN...

BUT I SOON GOT OUT OF THAT, MY SPIRITS NEVER FAILING
LANDED ON THE QUAY JUST AS THE SHIP WAS SAILING
CAPTAIN AT ME ROARED AND SWORE THAT NO ROOM HAD HE
BUT WHEN I JUMPED ABOARD, A CABIN FOUND FOR PADDY
DOWN AMONG THE PIGS, PLAYED SUCH RUMMY RIGS
DANCED SOME HEARTY JIGS, THE WATER ROUND ME BUBBLIN'
WHEN OFF HOLYHEAD I WISHED MYSELF WAS DEAD
BETTER FAR INSTEAD ON THE ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN...

WELL THE BOYS AT LIVERPOOL, WHEN I SAFELY LANDED
CALLED MYSELF A FOOL, I COULD NO LONGER STAND IT
BLOOD BEGAN TO BOIL, TEMPER I WAS LOSING
POOR OLD ERIN'S ISLE THEY BEGAN ABUSING
"HURRAH ME BOYS!" SAYS I, SHILLELAGH I LET FLY
SOME GALWAY BOYS WERE NIGH AND SAW I WAS A HOBBLE IN
WITH A LOUD HURRAY, JOINING IN THE AFFRAY
WE QUICKLY CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN...