

SERGEANT WILLIAM BAILEY

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OH SERGEANT WILLIAM BAILEY
WAS A MAN OF HIGH RENOWN
(TOORA-LOORA-LOORA-LOORA-LOO)
IN SEARCH OF GALLANT YOUNG RECRUITS
HE USED TO SCOUR THE TOWN (TOORA...)
HIS FACE WAS FULL AND SWARTHY
OF MEDALS HE HAD FORTY
AND RIBBONS ON HIS CHEST RED WHITE AND BLUE
IT WAS HE THAT LOOKED THE HERO
AND HE MADE THE PEOPLE STARE-O
AS HE STOOD ON DUNPHY'S CORNER
TOORA-LOO

BUT ALAS FOR HUMAN GREATNESS
EVERY DOGGIE HAS HIS DAY ...
AND SERGEANT WILLIAM BAILEY
HE IS GETTING OLD AND GREY ...
SOME REBEL YOUTH WITH PLACARDS
HAVE CALLED HIS ARMY BLACKGUARDS
AND TOLD THE IRISH YOUTH JUST WHAT TO DO
SO IN SPITE OF FIFE-AND-DRUMMING
NO MORE RECRUITS ARE COMING
FOR SERGEANT WILLIAM BAILEY
TOORA-LOO

NOW POOR OLD SERGEANT BAILEY
WHAT A WRETCHED SIGHT TO SEE ...
THE BACK THAT ONCE WAS FIRM AND STRAIGHT
IS ALMOST BENT IN THREE ...
NO MORE YOUNG MEN ARE WILLING
TO TAKE HIS DIRTY SHILLING
AND THINGS FOR HIM ARE LOOKING MIGHTY BLUE
HE HAS LOST HIS OCCUPATION
LET'S SING IN JUBILATION
FOR SERGEANT WILLIAM BAILEY
TOORA-LOO!