

## ***The STATE OF ARKANSAS***

COME [A] ALL YOU FREEBORN IRISHMEN  
AND [D] LISTEN [E] TO MY [A] CHANT  
IT'S [A] ALL THE LAMEN- [F#M] TATION OF AN [G] IRISH EMI- [E] GRANT  
WHO [A] LATELY CROSSED THE [F#M] OCEAN  
ON THE [G] GOOD SHIP "RULE OF [E] LAW"  
WHEN FIVE [A] HUNDRED MEN WERE WANTED  
IN THE [D] STATE OF [E] ARKAN- [A] SAS!

THE FIRST I MET WAS MR. GREEN - HE HAD A SMILING FACE  
SAYS HE "NOW COME ALONG WITH ME - I KEEP A DECENT PLACE!"  
SO HE FED ME ON STALE CORNMEAL  
AND HIS BEEF WOULD BREAK YOUR JAW  
BUT I PAID HIM FIFTY CENTS A DAY  
IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS!

THE NEXT I MET WAS MR. BROWN, AND A DIFF'RENT FACE HAD HE  
HE SAID "I KEEP A DECENT PLACE - NOW COME ALONG WITH ME  
IF YOU GIVE TO ME FIVE DOLLARS, A TICKET YOU WILL DRAW  
TO WORK UPON THE RAILROAD  
IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS!

WELL I WORKED UPON THE RAILROAD FROM HERE TO LIITTLE ROCK  
AND EVERY DEPOT I CAME TO, MY HEART IT GOT A SHOCK  
NOT A SINGLE PERSON THAT I MET EXTENDED ME A PAW  
OR SAID "NOW PAT, YOU'RE WELCOME  
TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS!"

WELL NOW THE RAILROAD'S FINISHED, BOYS, AND I AM VERY GLAD  
TO SPEND MORE TIME IN THAT COUN-TER-EE  
I THINK WOULD DRIVE ME MAD  
I'LL GO DOWN TO THE CHEROKEE NATION AND MARRY ME A SQUAW  
AND SURE AS HELL I'LL SAY FAREWELL  
TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS!