

## ***The THREE FLOWERS***

(Norman Reddin)

ONE TIME WHEN WALKING DOWN A LANE  
AS NIGHT WAS DRAWING NIGH  
I MET A LASSIE WITH THREE FLOWERS  
AND SHE MORE YOUNG THAN I  
"SAINT PATRICK BLESS YOU, DEAR," I SAID,  
"AND QUICKLY TO ME TELL  
THE PLACE THAT YOU DID FIND THOSE FLOWERS  
I SEEM TO KNOW SO WELL ..."

SHE TOOK A FLOWER AND KISSED IT ONCE  
AND SOFTLY SAID TO ME  
"THIS FLOWER I FOUND IN THOMAS STREET,  
IN DUBLIN CITY," SAID SHE  
"ITS NAME IS ROBERT EMMET,  
IT'S THE YOUNGEST FLOWER OF ALL  
AND I KEEP IT FRESH BESIDE MY BREAST  
THOUGH ALL THE WORLD SHOULD FALL."

SHE TOOK A FLOWER AND KISSED IT TWICE  
AND SOFTLY SAID TO ME  
"THIS FLOWER COMES FROM THE ANTRIM HILLS  
OUTSIDE BELFAST," SAID SHE  
"THE NAME I CALL IT IS WOLFE TONE  
THE GREATEST FLOWER OF ALL  
AND I'LL KEEP IT FRESH BESIDE MY BREAST  
THOUGH ALL THE WORLD SHOULD FALL."

SHE TOOK A FLOWER AND KISSED IT THRICE  
AND SOFTLY SAID TO ME  
"THIS FLOWER COMES FROM THE WICKLOW HILLS  
ITS NAME IS DWYER," SAID SHE  
"AND EMMET, TONE AND DWYER,  
FOR I DO LOVE THEM ALL  
I KEEP THEM FRESH BESIDE MY BREAST  
THOUGH ALL THE WORLD SHOULD FALL!"