The Fields of Athenry



By a lonely prison wall I heard a young man calling Nothing matters Mary when you're free. Against the Famine and the Crown, I rebelled, they ran me down. Now you must raise our child with dignity.

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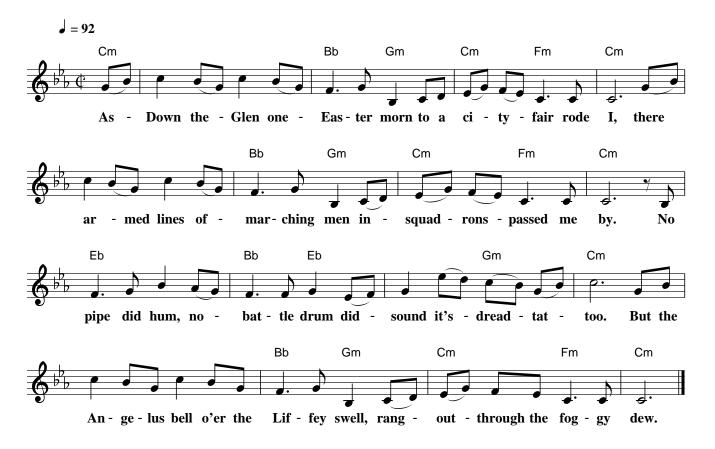
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By a lonely harbour wall, she watched the last star falling As that prison ship sailed out against the sky. Sure she'll wait and hope and pray, for her love in Botany Bay. It's so lonely 'round the fields of Athenry.

The Foggy Dew

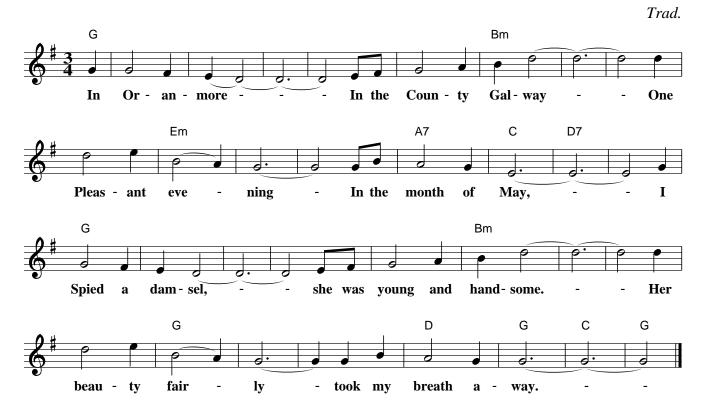


'Twas England bade our Wild Geese 'Go, that small nations might be free,'
But their lonely graves are by Suvla's waves or the fringe of the great North Sea.
Oh, had they died by Pearse's side, or fought with Cathal Brugha,
Their names we'd keep where the Fenians sleep, 'neath the shroud of the foggy dew.

Right proudly high over Dublin town they hung out the flag of war, 'Twas better to die 'neath an Irish sky than at Sulva or Sud el Bar. And from the plains of Royal Meath strong men came hurrying through, while Brittania's Huns, with their great big guns, sailed in through the foggy dew.

But the bravest fell and the requiem bell rang mournfully and clear for those who died that Easter tide, in the springtime of the year. While the world did gaze with deep amaze, at those fearless men but few, who bore the fight, that freedom's light might shine through the foggy dew.

The Galway Shawl



Chorus:

She wore no jewels or costly diamonds, no paint or powder, no none at all. She wore a bonnet, with a ribbon on it, and around her shoulder was the Galway shawl.

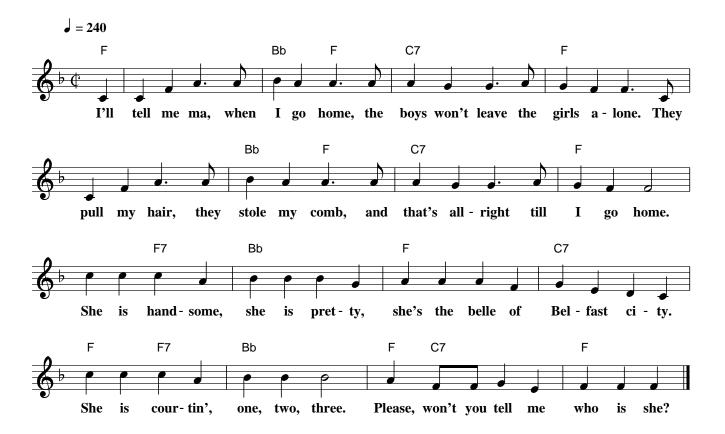
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As we kept walking, she kept on talking, till her father's cottage came in to view. She said, 'Come in Sir and meet my father, and for to please him, play the Foggy Dew.' Chorus:—

I played the 'Blackbird' and 'The Stack of Barley', 'Rodney's Glory' and 'The Foggy Dew.'
She sang each note like an Irish linnet, and the tears flowed in her eyes of blue.
Chorus:—

'Twas early, early, in the morning, I hit the road for old Donegal. Said she, 'Goodbye Sir', as she cried, and my heart remaind with the Galway shawl. Chorus:—

I'll Tell Me Ma – F



Albert Mooney says he loves her, all the boys are fighting for her.

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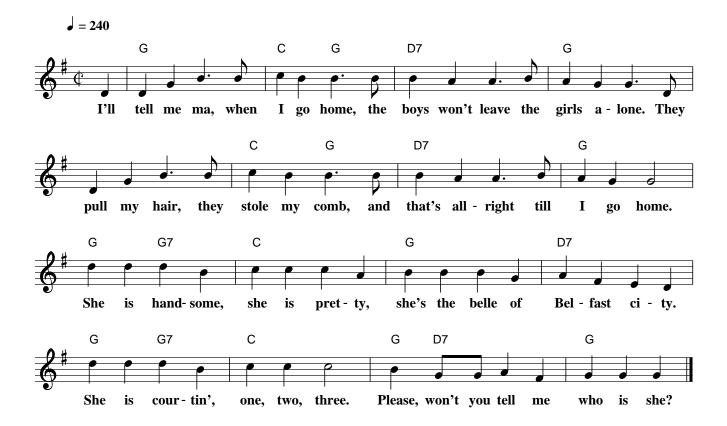
Old Jenny Murphy says she'll die, if she doesn't get the fellow with the roving eye.

Let the wind and the rain and the hail blow high, and the snow come shovelin' from the sky. She's as nice as apple pie, and she'll get her own lad by and by.

When she gets a lad of her own, she won't tell her ma when she gets home.

Let them all come as they will, it's Albert Mooney she loves still!

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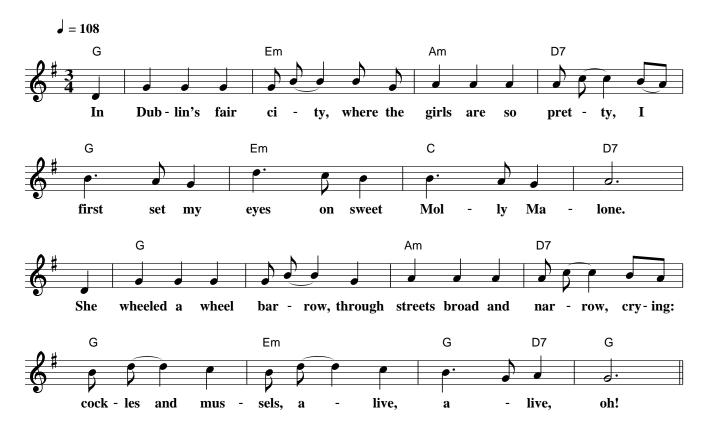
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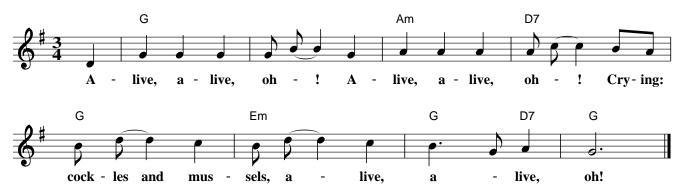
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Molly Mallone



Chorus:



She was a fish monger, but sure, 'twas no wonder.

For so were her father and mother before.

And they both wheeled their barrows, through streets broad and narrow, crying, 'Cockles and mussels, a-live, a-live, oh!'

She died of a fever, no one could relieve her, and that was the end of sweet Molly Malone. But her ghost wheeles her barrow, through streets broad and narrow, crying, 'Cockles and mussels, a-live, a-live, oh!'



On Grafton street in November we tripped lightly along the ledge of a deep ravine where still can be seen the worth of passion play. The Queen of hearts still making tarts, and I not making hay, Oh, I loved too much and by such and such, is happiness thrown away.

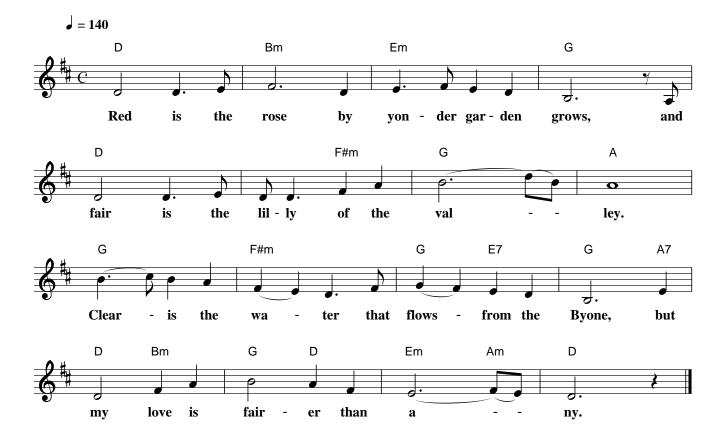
I gave her gifts of the mind, I gave her secret signs that's known to artists who have know true gods of sound and stone and her words and tint without stint, I gave her poems to say, with her own name there and her own dark hair, like clouds over fields of May.

On a quiet street where old ghosts meet, I see her walking now away from me so hurriedly, my reason must allow.

That I had loved not as I should, a creature made of clay,

Whan an angel woos the clay he'll lose, his wings at the dawn of day.

Red is the Rose



Come over the hills, my bonnie Irish lass, come over the hills to your darling. You choose the rose love, and I'll make the vow, and I'll be your true love forever.

'Twas down by Killarney's green woods that we strayed, and the moon and the stars they were shining. The moon shone it's rays on her locks of golden hair, and she swore she'd be my love forever.

It's not for the parting that my sister pains, it's not for the grief of my mother. It is all for the loss of my bonnie Irish lass, that my heart is breaking forever.

Roddy McCorley

Eithne Carbury (Ireland)



When last he stepped up that street, his shining pike in hand. Behind him marched in grim array a stalwart earnest band. For Antrim town, for Antrim town, he lead them to the fray. And young Roddy McCorley goes to die on the bridge of Toome today.

Up the narrow streets he steps, smiling proud and young. About the hemp rope on his neck, the golden ringlets clung. There was never a tear in his blue eyes, both sad and bright are they. For young Roddy McCorley goes to die on the bridge of Toome today.

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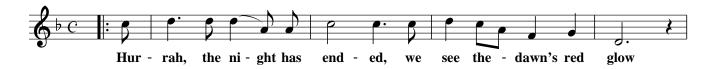








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I raise a rann to the ones who tread the path to the dawning day who will pause no more till our native shore is free from the saxon's way Till from every hill and from every rill the freedom cry shall go. From old and young, in the Gaelic tounge, Sean Eirean nan Gaedheal go deo!

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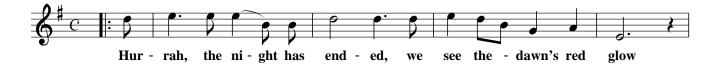








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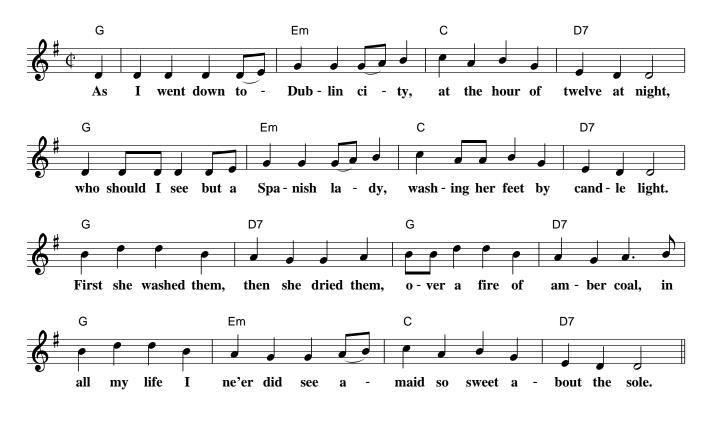




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The Spanish Lady



Chorus:



As I came back through Dublin city at the hour of half past eight, Who should I spy but the Spanish Lady brushing her hair in the broad daylight. First she tossed it, then she brushed it, on her lap a silver comb. In all my life I ne'er did see a maid so fair since I did roam.

As I went back through Dublin city, as the sun began to set, who should I spy but the Spanish Lady catching a moth in a golden net. When she saw me, she then fled me, lifting her petticoat over her knee. In all my life I ne'er did see a maid so shy as the Spanish Lady.

I've wandered North and I've wandered South, through Stonybatter and Patrick's Close. Up and around the Gloster Diamond and back by Napper Tandy's house. Old age has laid her hand on me, cold as a fire of ashy coals. In all my life I ne'er did see an maid so sweet as the Spanish Lady.

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ly, down a Bo-reen green came a sweet col-een and she smiled as she passed me



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Chorus:





Town, n-o maid I've seen like the brown col-een that I met in the Coun-ty Down.

As she onward sped, sure I scratch my head, and I looked with a feeling queer, and I says, says I, to a passer by: 'Who's the maid with the nut-broun hair?' He smiles at me, and he says, says he: 'That's the gem of Ireland's crown, young Rosie McCann from the Banks of the Bann; she's the star of the County Down.'

At the harvest fair she'll be surly there, so I'll dress in my Sunday clothes. With my shoes shone bright, and my hat cocked right; for a smile from my nut-brown rose. No pipe I'll smoke, horse I'll yoke, till my plough is a rust coloured brown, till a smiling bride by my own fireside, sits the star of the County Down.

Whiskey in the Jar – C



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If anyone can aid me, it's me brother in the army, If I can find his station in Cork or in Killarney. And if he'd come and join me, we'd go roving in Kilkenny, I'm sure he'd treat me better than me darling sporting Jenny!

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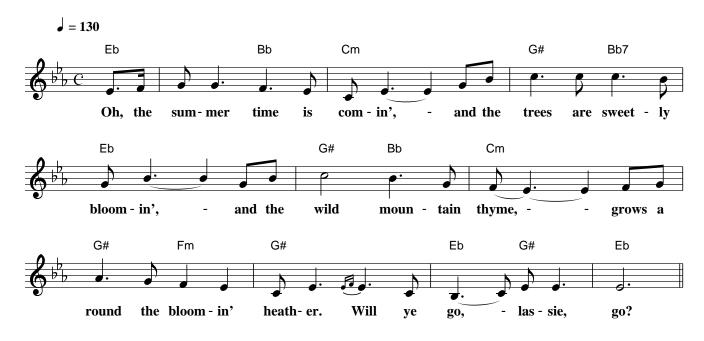
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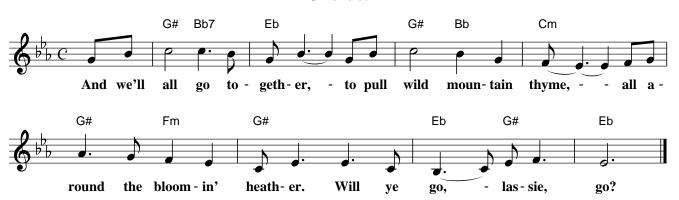
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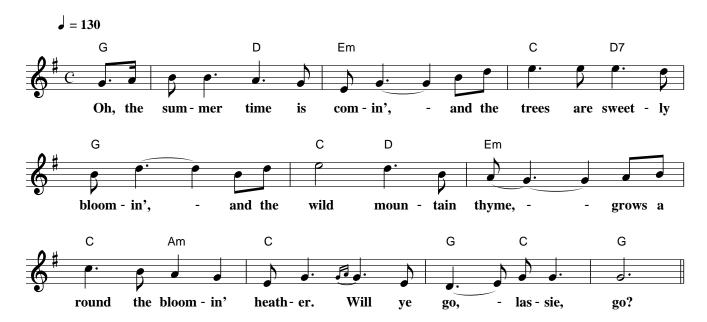


I will build my love a bower, by yon clear crystal fountain, and on it I will pile, all the flowers o' the mountain. Will ye go, lassie, go?

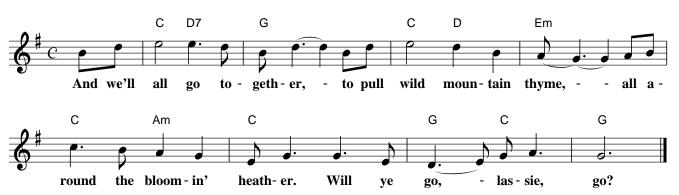
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