

Orthodox Celts - Rocky Road to Dublin

In the merry month of June from me home I started
Left the girls of Tuam nearly broken hearted
Saluted father dear, kissed me darlin' mother
Drank a pint of beer, me grief and tears to smother
Then off to reap the corn, leave where I was born,
Cut the stout black thorn to banish ghost and goblins
Brand new pair of brogues, rattled o'er the bogs,
frightened all the dogs on rocky road to Dublin

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And all the way to Dublin, whack-fol-lol-de-ra

Dm Am
In Mullingar that night, I rested limbs so weary
Dm C
Blinded by daylight, next morning light and airy
Dm Am
Took a drop of the pure to keep my heart from sinking
Dm C
That's an Irish cure whenever he's on for drinking
Dm Am
To see the lasses smile, laughing all the while
F C
At my curious style, t'would set your heart a-bubblin';
Dm Am
Ax'd if I was hired, wages I required
F C
I was almost tired on rocky road to Dublin

Dm
One two three four five
Dm F
Hunt the hare and turn her down the rocky road
C Dm
And all the way to Dublin, whack-fol-lol-de-ra

In Dublin next arrived, I thought it such a pity
To be so soon deprived a view of that fine city

And then I took a stroll all among the quality
Bundle it was stole in a neat locality
Something crossed me mind, then I looked behind,
No bundle could I find upon me stick a-wobblin';
Enquiring for the rogue, said me Connaught brogue
Wasn't much in vogue on rocky road to Dublin

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From there I got away, my spirits never failing
Landed on the quay as the ship was sailing
Captain at me roared, said that no room had he
When I jumped aboard, a cabin found for Paddy
Down among the pigs, played some funny rigs
Danced som hearty jigs, the water round me bubblin';
Off to Holyhead, wished myself was dead
Or better far instead on rocky road to Dublin

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The boys of Liverpool, when we safely landed
Called meself a fool, I could no longer stand it
Blood began to boil, temper I was losin';
Poor old Erin's isle they began abusin';
"Hurrah me soul" sez I, me shillelagh let fly
Galway boys were by, saw I was in a hobble in
Then with loud hurray, joined in affray
Quickly cleared the way on rocky road to Dublin

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