

DUBLIN ANGELS

for Rosie, Chrissie, Kitty, Fanny, and the rest

(1)

You find angels now
Throughout the city
One or two on every street
But as years pass by
There will be fewer still
Of the ones you used to meet
Whose loving hearts were full of kindness
Whose busy days were full of prayers
For dear ones lost or gone so far away
For a town no longer theirs

(Chorus, also between verses)

Look kindly on her as you pass
Though you don't know her name
Without the Dublin angels
Our town won't be the same
Soon enough the time will come
And the last one will depart
And another beat is forever lost
From old Dublin's fading heart

(2)

Maybe life for her
Was never easy
Maybe times were hard and sad
But her Dublin heart keeps only memories
Of the good times, not the bad
The laughter, the love and music
The characters and faithful friends
The birthday cards
And all the cheerful words
That a loving family sends

(3)

In her tiny flat
She's all alone now
Where so few still think to call
Her companions are in the pictures

That cover every wall
Some bright and new, some old and faded
Of happy kids, newborn or grown
Of brave young men who fell in battle
Dear Lord, how years have flown!

(4)

In shadows there
And in the silence
Far from crowds and lights and noise
She prays awhile
Before the fire
For her own dear girls and boys
With trembling hand she says her rosary
Before it's done, she falls asleep
And the fire dies as she sits dreaming
In a peace profound and deep

(5)

But the world outside
Will soon forget her
As it rushes God knows where
Its blinded eyes
Won't see an angel
Its deafened ears
Won't hear her prayer
But without her here
That world is empty
No more than cold and selfish space
No Dublin angels left to warm it
With their kindness and their grace

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