

The LOVELY IRISH MAID

(Blackwater Side)

AS [D] I ROVED OUT ONE MOR- [G] NING,
QUITE [D] EARLY [A] AS I [D] STRAYED
IT [D] BEING IN THE MONTH OF [G] MAY
AND THE [D] BIRDS SANG [A] IN EACH [G] GLADE
THE [D] SUN IT SHONE SO MERRI- [G] LY
THE [D] FIELDS WERE [A] DECKED WITH [G] PRIDE
WITH [D] PRIMROS- [Bm] ES AND [A] DAI- [G] SIES
DOWN [D] BY BLACK- [A] WATER [D] SIDE

I SCARCELY HAD BUT ONE MILE WALKED
WHEN THERE BY CHANCE I SPIED
A COUPLE TALK AS THEY DID WALK
DOWN BY BLACKWATER SIDE
HE ENTWINED HER CLOSELY IN HIS ARMS
AND THESE WORDS TO HER DID SAY:
"IN AMERICA I WILL PROVE TRUE
TO MY LOVELY IRISH MAID"

"WHEN YOU GET TO AMERICA,
AND HANDSOME GIRLS YOU SEE
YOU'LL SOON FORGET THE PROMISES
AND VOWS YOU MADE TO ME!
BUT THERE'S NOT A DAY WHEN YOU'RE AWAY
BUT I'LL VISIT YONDER GLADE
WHERE FIRST YOU STOLE AWAY THE HEART
OF YOUR LOVELY IRISH MAID!"

"WHEN I GET TO AMERICA
AND YANKEE GIRLS I SEE
THEY MUST BE FAIR BEYOND COMPARE
TO REMIND ME, LOVE, OF THEE
FOR THERE'S NOT A FLOWER IN YONDER BOWER,
IN LEAFY DELL OR GLADE
BUT WILL REMIND ME OF YOU BEHIND
MY LOVELY IRISH MAID!"

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**" 'TIS MANY A WILD AND FOOLISH YOUTH
THAT'S LEFT OLD ERIN'S SHORE
AND LEFT THEIR FRIENDS AND SWEETHEARTS,
PERHAPS TO SEE NO MORE
IN CROSSING O'ER THE ATLANTIC FOAM,
AT SEA THEIR GRAVES ARE MADE
SO STAY AT HOME AND DO NOT ROAM
FROM YOUR LOVELY IRISH MAID!"**

**LIKE TWO FOND HEARTS TOGETHER,
THIS COUPLE DID EMBRACE
LIKE DEWY DROPS UPON THE GRASS,
THE TEARS ROLLED DOWN EACH FACE
AND AS HE CLASPED HER TO HIS HEART,
THESE WORDS HE THEN DID SAY:
"I'LL STAY AT HOME AND NEVER ROAM
FROM MY LOVELY IRISH MAID!"**