

BALLYJAMESDUFF

(Come Back Paddy Reilly)

THE GARDEN OF EDEN HAS VANISHED, THEY SAY
BUT I KNOW THE LIE OF IT STILL
JUST TURN TO THE LEFT AT THE BRIDGE OF FINEA
AND STOP WHEN HALFWAY TO COOTEHILL
'TIS THERE I WILL FIND IT, I KNOW SURE ENOUGH
WHEN FORTUNE HAS COME TO MY CALL
OH THE GRASS IT IS GREEN AROUND BALLYJAMESDUFF
AND THE BLUE SKY IS OVER IT ALL

AND TONES THAT ARE TENDER
AND TONES THAT ARE GRUFF
ARE WHISPERING OVER THE SEA
"COME BACK PADDY REILLY TO BALLYJAMESDUFF
COME BACK PADDY REILLY TO ME!"

MY MOTHER ONCE TOLD ME THAT WHEN I WAS BORN
THE DAY THAT I FIRST SAW THE LIGHT
I LOOKED DOWN THE STREET ON THAT VERY FIRST MORN
AND GAVE A GREAT CROW OF DELIGHT
NOW MOST NEW-BORN BABIES APPEAR IN A HUFF
AND START WITH A SORROWFUL SQUALL
BUT I KNEW I WAS BORN IN BALLYJAMESDUFF
AND THAT'S WHY I SMILED ON THEM ALL

THE BABY'S A MAN NOW - HE'S TOIL-WORN AND TOUGH -
STILL WHISPERS COME OVER THE SEA:
"COME BACK PADDY REILLY TO BALLYJAMESDUFF
COME BACK PADDY REILLY TO ME!"