DOWN BY THE LIFFEY SIDE

IT WAS [G] DOWN BY [Am] ANNA [D] LIFFEY
THAT ME [C] LOVE AND [D] I DID [G] STRAY
WHERE [G] IN THE [Em] GOOD OLD [Am] LIFFEY [D] MUD
WE SAW [C] SEAGULLS [D] SPORT AND [G] PLAY
WE [G] GOT THE [Em] WHIFF OF [Am] FISH AND [D] CHIPS
AND [C] MARY [D] SOFTLY [G] SIGHED:
"YERRA, [G] JOHN, COME [Am] ON FOR A [D] ONE-AND-ONE
DOWN [C] BY THE [D] LIFFEY [G] SIDE!"

AND IT'S UP TO LEO BURDOCK'S SHOP
TOGETHER WE DID GO
AND THE RAPTURE THERE THAT FILLED OUR HEARTS
NO POET COULD EVER KNOW
WE STARTED EATING ONE-AND-ONES
TILL MARY SOFTLY SIGHED:
"I COULD LIVE FOREVER EATING CHIPS
DOWN BY THE LIFFEY SIDE..."

THEN OUT ALONG BY GEORGE'S STREET
THE LOVING PAIRS TO VIEW
WHILE MARY SWANKED IT LIKE A QUEEN
IN HER SUIT OF ROYAL BLUE
HER CHARMING COAT WAS NEATLY TURNED
AND HER BLOUSE WAS NEWLY DYED
AND YOU COULDN'T MATCH HER AMBER LOCKS
DOWN BY THE LIFFEY SIDE

THEN IT'S ON HER OLD MELODEON
SO SWEETLY SHE DID PLAY
THERE WAS "RAGLAN ROAD" AND "DANNY BOY"
AND "RULE BRITTAN-I-AY"
BUT WHEN SHE TURNED SINN FEINER
MY HEART NEAR BURST WITH PRIDE
WITH HER "SOLDIER'S SONG"
AS WE STROLLED ALONG
DOWN BY THE LIFFEY SIDE

AND ON SUNDAY MORNING EARLY
TO MEATH STREET WE WILL GO
AND IN FRONT OF FATHER HANNIGAN
WE BOTH WILL MAKE OUR VOW
HE'LL JOIN OUR HANDS IN WEDLOCK BANDS
AND SOON WE'LL BE OUTSIDE
FOR A WHOLE AFTERNOON
ON OUR HONEYMOON
DOWN BY THE LIFFEY SIDE!