FORTY SHADES OF GREEN

I CLOSE MY EYES AND PICTURE
THE EMERALD OF THE SEA
FROM THE FISHING BOATS AT DINGLE
TO THE SHORES AT DUNEHEA
I MISS THE RIVER SHANNON
AND THE FOLKS AT SKIBBEREEN
THE MOORLANDS AND MEADOWS
AND THEIR FORTY SHADES OF GREEN

BUT MOST OF ALL I MISS A GIRL
IN TIPPERARY TOWN
AND MOST OF ALL I MISS HER LIPS
AS SOFT AS EIDERDOWN
I LONG AGAIN TO SEE AND DO
THE THINGS WE'VE DONE AND SEEN
WHERE THE BREEZE IS SWEET AS SHALIMAR
AND THERE'S FORTY SHADES OF GREEN

I WISH THAT I COULD SPEND AN HOUR
IN DUBLIN'S CHURNING SURF
I LONG TO WATCH THE FARMERS
DRAIN THE BOGS AND SPADE THE TURF
TO SEE AGAIN THE THATCHING
OF THE STRAW THE WOMEN CLEAN
I'D WALK FROM CORK TO LARNE TO SEE AGAIN
THOSE FORTY SHADES OF GREEN!