

# ***WHEN NEW YORK WAS IRISH***

**I WILL (G) SING YOU A SONG OF DAYS LONG A- (D) GO  
WHEN (G) PEOPLE FROM (EM) GALWAY  
AND (C) COUNTY MA-(D) YO  
FROM (G) ALL OVER IRELAND CAME OVER TO [D] STAY  
AND (G) TAKE UP A (EM) NEW LIFE IN (C) AMER (D7) -I (G)CAY**

***THEY WERE (G) EVER SO HAPPY,  
THEY WERE (C) EVER SO (D) SAD***

***TO GROW (G) OLD IN THE (EM) NEW WORLD  
THROUGH (C) GOOD TIMES AND (D) BAD  
ALL THE (G) PARTIES AND THE (EM) WEDDINGS  
THE (C) CEILIS AND (D) WAKES  
WHEN (G) NEW YORK WAS (EM) IRISH  
FULL OF (C) JOYS AND (D7) HEART (G) ACHES***

**THEY (G) WORKED ON THE SUBWAYS,  
THEY RAN THE SA- (D) LOONS  
THEY (G) BUILT ALL THE (EM) BRIDGES  
AND THEY (C) PLAYED ALL THE (D) TUNES  
THEY (G) PUT OUT THE FIRES AND CONTROLLED CITY (D) HALL  
THEY (G) STARTED WITH (EM) NOTHING  
AND WOUND (C) UP WITH (D7) IT (G) ALL!**

**YOU COULD (G) TRAVEL FROM KINGSBRIDGE  
TO QUEENS OR MID (D) TOWN  
FROM [G] HIGHBRIDGE TO BAY RIDGE  
FROM [C] UPTOWN TO [D] DOWN  
FROM THE [G] EAST SIDE TO THE SEASIDE  
THE SWEET SUMMER (D) SCENES  
THEY (G) MADE NEW YORK (EM) CITY  
THEIR (C) ISLAND (D7) OF (G) DREAMS**

**NOW I (G) LOOK AT THE PHOTOS ALL BRITTLE WITH (D) TIME  
OF THE (G) PEOPLE I (EM) CHERISHED  
WHEN THAT (C) CITY WAS (D) MINE  
(G) O, HOW I LOVED ALL THOSE RADIANT (D) SMILES  
HOW I (G) LONG FOR THE (EM) DAYS  
WHEN WE (C) DANCED IN (D7) THE (G) AISLES!**