

The CHINAMAN

MY [A] UNCLE [E] DENIS [A] CLANCY
WAS A [A] RAMBLER [E] TO THE [D] BONE
HE'D [A] BEEN IN [E] EVERY [A] NATION
FROM THE [F#m] NORTH TO THE [D] SOUTHERN [E] ZONE
A- [A] MONG THE [E] CHINESE [A] TEA GROWERS
HE [A] LIVED AND [E] GREW QUITE [D] RICH
AND [A] NOW HE'S [E] DIED AND [F#m] TO THIS [A] BOY
HE HAS [Bm] WILLED EVERY [E] STITCH!

SO [A] FAREWELL [E] MISTER [A] MURPHY
TA- [A] TA [E] MISTER [D] CLINCH
CON [A] REGAN, [E] GIVE MY [A] KIND REGARDS
TO [F#m] JIM AND [D] ANDY [E] LYNCH
[A] GOOD-BYE, [E] MISTER [A] MOONEY -
PLEASE [A] TELL THE [E] NEIGHBORS [D] ROUND
I'VE [A] GONE TO [E] BE A [F#m] CHINAMAN
FOR [Bm] HONG KONG [E] I AM [A] BOUND!

BY WHAT THE LAWYER TELLS ME,
MY GOLD WOULD FILL A COACH
I'VE EIGHTEEN WIVES ALREADY, AWAITIN' MY APPROACH
WHAT THEY ARE LIKE I CANNOT TELL
BUT ONE THING I WILL OWN
IF HE'D WILLED THEM ALL TO SOMEONE ELSE
MORE FRIENDSHIP HE'D HAVE SHOWN!

I'M GOING TO HAVE MY EYEBROWS SHAVED
ONE HOUR BEFORE I SAIL
AND I'LL WEAR ME HAIR IN ONE LONG PLAIT
LIKE ROONEY'S DONKEY'S TAIL
I THINK I'LL MAKE A NICE CHINESE
WHEN I HAVE LEARNED THEIR WAY
AND A FEW WORDS OF THEIR LANGUAGE
WHEN I HAVE SOME THINGS TO SAY

AND SHOULD YOU CARE TO DROP A LINE
OLD FRIENDSHIPS TO MAINTAIN
ADDRESS TO "LING CHUNG CHANG AWONG"
THAT'S ME CHINESE MAIDEN NAME
I'LL FOUND AN IRISH COLONY
IN THIS OUTLANDISH PART
SO BEANNACHT LIBH, GOOD-BYE TO ALL
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO START!

