

ROSIE FROM KILDARE

JOHNNY WAS BORN IN A MANSION
DOWN IN THE COUNTY OF CLARE
ROSIE WAS BORN BY THE ROADSIDE
SOMEWHERE IN COUNTY KILDARE
DESTINY BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER
ON THE ROAD NEAR KILLORGLIN ONE DAY
'NEATH HER BRIGHT PAISLEY SHAWL SHE WAS SINGING
AND SHE STOLE HIS YOUNG HEART AWAY
"OCH!" SHE SAID ...

***"MEET ME TONIGHT BY THE CAMPFIRE
COME WITH ME OVER THE HILL
LET US BE MARRIED TOMORROW
PLEASE LET ME WHISPER 'I WILL!'
WHAT IF THE NEIGHBORS ARE TALKING
WHO CARES IF YOUR FRIENDS STOP AND STARE?
YOU'LL BE PROUD TO MARRIED TO ROSIE
WHO WAS REARED ON THE ROADS OF KILDARE!"***

***"THINK OF THE PARENTS WHO REARED YOU
THINK OF THE FAMILY NAME
HOW COULD YOU MARRY A GYPSY
OH WHAT A TERRIBLE SHAME!"
"PARENTS AND FRIENDS STOP YOUR PLEADING
DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY AFFAIRS
FOR I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A GYPSY
WHO WAS REARED ON THE ROADS OF KILDARE!"***

JOHNNY WENT OUT OF HIS MANSION
JUST AS THE SUN HAD GONE DOWN
TURNING HIS BACK ON HIS KINFOLK
AND LIKEWISE HIS DEAR NATIVE TOWN
FACING THE ROADS OF OLD IRELAND
WITH THE GYPSY HE LOVED SO SINCERE
WHEN THEY CAME TO THE LIGHT OF THE CAMPFIRE
THESE ARE THE WORDS HE DID HEAR: