



Rocky Road to Dublin

In the merry month of June, from me home I started
Left the girls of Tuam, so sad and broken-hearted
Saluted Father dear, kissed me darlin' mother
Drank a pint of beer, me grief and tears to smother
Then off to reap the corn, leave where I was born
Cut a stout blackthorn to banish ghosts and goblins
Bought a pair of brogues rattlin' o'er the bogs
Frightened all the dogs on the rocky road to Dublin

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All the way to Dublin, whack-fol-lol-de-ra

In Mullingar that night, I rested limbs so weary
Started by daylight, me spirits bright and airy
Took a drop of the pure to keep me heart from sinkin'
That's the Paddy's cure, whenever he's on for drinkin'
See the lassies smile, laughin' all the while
At me curious style, 'twould set your heart a-bubblin'
Asked if I was hired, wages I required
'Til I was almost tired of the rocky road to Dublin

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In Dublin next arrived, I thought it such a pity
To be so soon deprived of a view of that fine city
Then I took a stroll, all among the quality
Me bundle it was stole in a neat locality
Something crossed me mind, when I looked behind
No bundle could I find upon me stick a-wobblin'
Enquirin' for the rogue, they said me Connaught brogue
Wasn't much in vogue on the rocky road to

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From there, I got away, me spirits never failing
Landed on the quay just as the ship was sailing
Captain at me roared, said that no room had he
When I jumped aboard, a cabin found for Paddy
Down among the pigs, I played some funny rigs
Danced some hearty jigs, the water 'round me bubblin'
When off Holyhead, wished meself was dead
Or better far instead on the rocky road to Dublin

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