

## Orthodox Celts

# Rocky Road To Dublin

In the merry month of June from my home I started  
Left the girls of Tuam nearly 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 black thorn to banish ghost and goblins  
Brand new pair of brogues rattled o'er the bogs  
Frightened all the dogs on rocky road to Dublin

Chorus:

One two three four five  
Hunt the hare and turn her down the rocky road  
And all the way to Dublin whack fol lol de ra

In Mullingar that night I rested limbs so weary  
Started by daylight next morning light and airy  
Took a drop of the pure to keep my heart from sinking  
That's an Irish cure whene'er he's on for drinking  
To see the lasses smile, laughing all the while  
At my curious style, t'would set your heart a-bubbling  
Ax'd if I was hired, wages I required  
I was almost tired on rocky road to Dublin

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

From there I got away my spirits never failing  
Landed on the quay 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, Played some funny rigs  
Danced some hearty jigs, the water round me bubblin'  
Off to Holyhead, wished myself was dead  
Or better far, instead, on rocky road to Dublin

The boys of Liverpool, when we safely landed  
Called myself a fool, I could no longer stand it  
Blood began to boil, temper I was losin'  
Poor old Erin's isle they began abusin'  
"Hurrah me soul" sez I, me shillelagh I let fly  
Galway boys were by, saw I was a hobble in  
Then with a loud Hurrah, joined in affray  
Quickly cleared the way, on rocky road to Dublin