

## Clancy Brothers

### "Ballinderry"

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Tis pretty to be in Ballinderry,  
Pretty to be in Aucholee\*  
'Tis prettier to be on bonny Ram's Island  
A-sitting forever beneath a tree.  
Ochone, ochone  
Ochone, ochone.

For often I sailed to bonny Ram's Island,  
Arm in arm with Phelim, my demon.\*\*  
He would whistle and I would sing,  
And we would make the whole island ring.  
Ochone, ochone  
Ochone, ochone.

"I'm going," he said, "from bonny Ram's Island  
Out and across the deep blue sea,  
And if in your heart you love me, Mary,  
Open your arms at last to me."  
Ochone, ochone  
Ochone, ochone.

'Twas pretty to be in Ballinderry  
But now it's as sad as sad can be,  
For the ship that sailed with Phelim, my demon,  
Is sunk forever beneath the sea.  
Ochone, ochone  
Ochone, ochone.

\* No one can seem to agree on the name of this place.  
My sources  
give "Aucholee," "Aghalee," and "Ahalee."  
\*\* Or perhaps "Phelim, my diamond." Another text  
reads simply  
"Phelim, my love."

Recorded by the Clancy Brothers, by John Langstaff on  
"Let's Make  
Music" (omitting the third verse), and by  
Bok/Trickett/Muir on  
"The Language of the Heart" (with an admission that  
they didn't

know the correct words). RW

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