Clancy Brothers "Finnegans Wake"

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Tim Finnegan lived in watling street
A gentle Irishman, mighty odd
He'd a beautiful brogue so rich and sweet
To rise in the world, he carried a hod

See, he'd sort of a tipplin' way With love for the liquor poor Tim was born To help him a man with his work each day He'd a drop of the craythin' every morn'

Whack fol, de, dah
Now, dance to your partner
Welt the floor, your trotters shake
Wasn't it the truth, they told ye lots of fun
At Finnegan's wake

One morning Tim got rather full His head felt heavy which made him shake Fell from a ladder and he broke his skull They carried him home, his corpse to wake

Rolled him up in a nice clean sheet And laid him out upon the bed A gallon of whiskey at his feet And a bottle of porter at his head

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His friends assembled at the wake And misses Finnegan called for lunch First she brought in tea and cake Then pipes, tobacco and whiskey punch

Biddy O'Brien began to cry Such a nice clean corpse, did you ever see? Tim me, boy, yadda, hoy, dida, ho, yada "Arrah, hold your gob", said Patty Megee Whack fol, de, dah Now, dance to your partner Welt the floor, your trotters shake Wasn't it the truth, they told ye lots of fun At Finnegan's wake

Then O'Connor took up the job
"Arrah", biddy says, she ye're wrong, I'm sure
Biddy then gave her a belt on the gob
And left her sprawling on the floor

There the war did soon engage Woman to woman and man to man Shillelah law was all the rage An a row and a ruction soon began

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Then Mickey Maloney raised his head When a bottle of whiskey flew at him It missed him falling on the bed The liquor scattered over Tim

Tim revives, see how he rises Timothy rising from the bed Then Whirl your whiskey around Like blazes Thanum o'n Dhoul Do ye think I'm dead?

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