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"Star Of The County Down"

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In Bannbridge town in the County Down
one morning last July,
from a breen green came a sweet Colleen
and she passed me by.
She looked so sweet from her two bare feet
to the sheen of her nut brown hair.
Such a coaxing elf, sure I shook myself
for to see I was really there.

From Bannry Bay up to Derry Quay and
from Galway to Dublin Town,
no maid I've seen like the brown Colleen
that I met in the County Down.

As she onward sped, sure I scratched my head,
And I looked with a feelin' rare
And I say's I, to a passer-by.
"Whose the maid with the nut brown hair?"
He smiled at me and he say's, say's he.
"That's the gem of Ireland's crown.
It's Rovie Mc Cann from the banks of the Bann,
she's the star of the County Down".

From Bannry Bay up to Derry Quay and
from Galway to Dublin Town,
no maid I've seen like the brown Colleen
that I met in the County Down.

At the Harvest Fair she'll be surely three
and I'll dress in my Sunday clothes,
with my shoes shone bright and my hat cocked
right for a smile from my nut brown rose.
No pipe I'll smoke, no horse I'll yoke
till my plough turns rust coloured brown.
Till a smiling bride, by my own fireside
sist the star of the County Down.

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