

## Iris Dement

### "Come Back Paddy Reilly"

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The garden of Eden has vanished they say  
But I know the lie of it still  
Just turn to the left at the bridge of Finea  
And stop when half way to Coote Hill  
'Tis there I will find it I know sure enough  
When fortune has come to my call  
Oh, the grass it is green  
Around Ballyjamesduff  
And the blue sky is over it all  
And tones that are tender and tones that are gruff  
Are whispering over the sea  
"Come back Paddy Reilly to Ballyjamesduff  
Come home Paddy Reilly to me"

My mother once told me that when I was born  
The day that I first saw the light  
I looked down the street on that very frist morn  
And gave a great crow of delight  
Now most newborn babies appear in a huff  
And start with a sorrowful squall  
But I knew I was born in Ballyjamesduff  
And that's why I smile on them all  
The baby's a man now, he's toil-worn and tough  
Still whipsers come over the sea  
"Come back Paddy Reilly to Ballyjamesduff  
Come home Paddy Reilly to me"

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