

## Irish Descendents

### "Murphy Broke The Pledge"

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Timothy Murphy kept the pledge  
For nearly fourteen year,  
But Christmas even' he felt so bad,  
He got out on the beer;  
Oh, he came home like a roaring lion  
Filled up with rum and gin,  
For he's like a Bengal tiger  
When he gets a mouthful in.

There's not a porch for half a mile  
That came in Murphy's sight,  
But felt his hob-nailed bluchers  
When he let out that night;  
And sashes tumbled 'round the floor  
And cats at doors did scrape,  
For they knew their time on earth was short  
When Timothy rounds the cape.

He broke lamps and cups and crockeryware,  
The pots and soup tureens,  
He ate everything that was in the house,  
Pigs' heads and boiled crubeens;  
Now there's not a sound eye in the block,  
From Murphy's heavy sledge,  
And the town is all on crutches now,  
Since Murphy broke the pledge.

If Murphy don't get thirty days,  
And I hope and pray he will,  
There'll be humps on undertaker's back  
From all the crowds he'll kill;  
And the beaver hats, they won't hold out  
To bury all the dead,  
If Timothy ties his braces 'round  
To paint the city red.

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The neighbourhood is on their knees  
In meditation deep.  
In hope he'll get the summer  
Through the iron bars to peep;  
For if not, we'll go to Nagle's Hill  
And leave our snug abode,  
For I'd sooner face a unicorn  
Than Murphy with a load.

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