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### "The Old Claddagh Ring / The Rose of Ornamore /"

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The old claddagh ring  
Sure it was my grandmother's  
She wore it a lifetime and gave it to me  
All through the long years she wore it so proudly  
It was made where the Claddagh  
Rolls down to the sea  
What tales it could tell of trials and of hardships  
And of grand happy days  
When the whole world would sing  
So away with your sorrow,  
'Twill bring love tomorrow  
Sure everyone loves it the old claddagh ring  
With a crown and a crest to remind us of honour  
And clasping the heart  
That God's message would bring  
A circle of gold always kept us contented  
With true love entwined in the old claddagh ring  
As she knelt at her prayers  
And thought of her dearest ones  
Her soft gentle smile would charm a King  
On her worn hands as she told me her story  
You could see the bright glint  
On the gold claddagh ring

My thoughts today though I'm far away  
Belong to Connell's shores  
The saucy air and the cailins fair  
And lovely green Gweedore  
There's a flower there beyond compare  
That I cherish evermore  
That grand cailin in her gown of green  
She's the rose of Oranmore

I was dreaming of old Ireland  
And Killarney's lakes and fells  
I was dreaming of the shamrocks  
And the dear old Shandon Bells  
My memory suggested  
In a vision bright and clear  
Of the strange things that could happen  
If we had old Ireland here

If the Blarney stones stood out on Sydney Harbour  
And Dublin town to Melbourne came to stay  
If the river Shannon flowed  
Through Brisbane waters  
And Killarney's lakes flowed into Botany Bay  
If the Shandon Bells rang out in old Freemantle  
And County Cork at Adelaide did appear  
Ireland's sons would never roam  
They would always stay at thome  
If we only had old Ireland over here  
Irelands sons would never roam  
They would always stay at home  
If we only had old Ireland over here

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