

Irish Rovers

"The Rambler From Derby"

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I'm the rambler from derry lighthearted and merry
Around Paddy's island me way I do wend
Meself and me dog over moorland and bog
We know every path through the mountains and glens

Singing fol-de-rol laddie right toor-a-lie-addy
Air fol-la-lull derry dum toor-a-lie-ay
With me pack on me back down the road I will stray
For the rambler from Derry is ramblin' away

I was born a free man by the banks of the Bann
And the blood of the gypsy it runs through my veins
I've friends and relations all over this nation
Who offer me shelter from the wind and the rain

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I rove at me leisure for sport and for pleasure
Through the warm summer sun or the cold winter snow
The sights are astounding with nature abounding
In Paddy's green island where the dear shamrock
grows

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I've colleens from Derry to Cork and Tipperary
From Dublin to Sligo and wild Donegal
I squeeze them and tease them I love them and please
them
When me rambles are over sure I'll marry them all

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So lift up your glasses ye lads and fine lasses
To the travelling people wherever you be
May the road rise to meet you and old friends
To greet you and may all of your rambles be happy and
free

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