

## **Celtic Thunder**

# **"Isle of Hope/Isle of Tears"**

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On the first day of January 1892  
They opened Ellis Island and they let the people  
through  
And the first to cross the threshold  
of that isle of hope and tears  
Was Annie Moore from Ireland  
Who was all of 15 years.

Isle of hope, Isle of tears  
Isle of freedom, isle of fears  
but it's not the isle you left behind  
That isle of hunger, isle of pain  
Isle you'll never see again  
But the isle of home is always on your mind.

In a little bag, she carried all her past and history  
And her dreams for the future in the land of liberty  
and courage is the passport  
When your old world disappears  
But there's no future in the past  
When you're 15 years.

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When they closed down Ellis Island  
in 1954  
17 million people had come there for sanctuary  
And in springtime when I came here  
And I stepped onto its piers  
I thought of how it must have been  
When you're 15 years.

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