Orthodox Celts "Rocky Road To Dublin"

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In the merry month of June from me home I started Left the girls of Tuam nearly broken hearted Saluted father dear kissed me darlin' mother Drank a pint of beer me grief and tears to smother Then off to reap the corn, leave where I was born Cut a stout black thorn to banish ghost and goblins Brand new pair of brogues rattled o'er the bogs Frightened all the dogs on rocky road to Dublin

Chorus:

One two three four five Hunt the hare and turn her down the rocky road And all the way to Dublin whack fol lol de ra

In Mullingar that night I rested limbs so weary
Blinded by daylight next morning light and airy
Took a drop of the pure to keep my heart from sinking
That's an Irish cure whene'er he's on for drinking
To see the lasses smile, laughing all the while
At my curious style, t'would set your heart a-bubbling
Ax'd if I was hired, wages I required
I was almost tired on rocky road to Dublin

Chorus

In Dublin next arrived I thought it such a pity
To be so soon deprived a view of that fine city
Then I took a stroll all among the quality
Bundle it was stole in a neat locality

Something crossed me mind, then I looked behind No bundle could I find upon me stick a-wobblin' Enquiring for the rogue, said me Connaught brogue Wasn't much in vogue on rocky road to Dublin

Chorus

From there I got away my spirits never failing Landed on the quay as the ship was sailing Captain at me roared, said that no room had he When I jumped aboard, a cabin found for Paddy Down among the pigs, Played some funny rigs Danced some hearty jigs, the water round me bubblin' Off to Holyhead, wished myself was dead Or better far, instead, on rocky road to Dublin

Chorus

The boys of Liverpool, when we safely landed Called meself a fool, I could no longer stand it Blood began to boil, temper I was losin' Poor old Erin's isle they began abusin' "Hurrah me soul" sez I, me shillelagh I let fly Galway boys were by, saw I was a hobble in Then with a loud Hurrah, joined in affray Quickly cleared the way, on rocky road to Dublin

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