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### "Pat Reilly"

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It bein' on a monday morning, it bein' our pay day  
We met Sergeant Jenkins at our goin' away  
He says to Pat Reilly "You are a handsome young man  
Will you come to John Kelly's where we will set a dram"

And while we sat there boozin' and drinkin' our dram  
He says to Pat Reilly "You are a handsome young man  
I'd have you take the bounty and come along with me  
To the sweet County Longford, strange faces there  
You'll see"

"Oh no kind sir, a soldier's life with me would not  
Agree  
Nor neither would I bind myself down from my liberty  
For I lived as happy as a prince, my mind does tell me  
So  
So fare thee well, I'm just goin' down, my shackle for  
To thow?"

"Oh are you in a hurry, are you goin' away?  
Or won't you stop and listen to these words I'm goin'  
To say  
Perhaps now Pat Reilly, you might do something worse  
Than to leave your native country and enlist in the

Black Horse"

Oh it's I took the bounty, the reckoning was paid  
The ribbons were brought out, me boys, and into my  
Cockade  
It's early the next morning we all were made to stand  
Before our grand general with hats all in our hands

He says to Pat Reilly "You are a little too low  
With some other regiment I fear you have to go"  
"I may go where I will, I have no-one to mourn  
For my mother is dead, me boys, and never will return"

It's not in the morning that I sing this song  
But it's in the cold evening as I march alone  
With me gun o'er my shoulder I bitterly do weep

When I think of my true love that now lies fast asleep

My blessing on my mother that reared me neat and  
clean

But bad luck to my father that made me serve the  
queen

Oh had he been an honest man and learned to me my  
trade

I would never have enlisted nor worn the cockade

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