

## Thieves And Villains

### "Shades Of A Blue Orphanage"

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When we were kids he used to go over the back wall  
into old dan's scrapyard  
Into the snooker hall where most us kids were barred  
An' into the roxy and the stella where film stars starred  
That's where me and hopalong an' roy rogers got  
drunk and jarred  
And we might have been the saviour of the men,  
The captured captain in the devil's demon den  
And we might have been the magic politician in some  
kind of tricky position  
Like an old, old, old master musician we kept on wishin'  
We was headed for the number one hit country again

{chorus}  
And it's true  
True blue  
Irish blue  
And it's true  
True blue  
And sometimes it reminds me of you

There's an old photograph of dan that I wish you could-  
a seen  
Of him and the boys posed, standing in st. stephen's  
green  
Ya see, they were a part of the great freedom dream  
But they were caught and detained and are locked  
inside the frame  
Of the photograph  
And he might have been the clever con, the good  
samaritan, the rassclaut man  
An' he might have been the loaded gun, the charlatan  
of the tap dancin' fan  
But like an old pioneer from outer afghanistan,  
Headed for the number one hit country again

{repeat chorus}

Old dan in a raincoat hums the very, very, very special  
notes  
Of a long lost favorite melody

It reminds him of a love affair when he was young and  
did not care  
And how he parted so soft, so sadden  
And he might have been the laughing cavaliero, the  
wise old commanhero  
Ow, the desparate desparado, the good looking  
randolph valentino,  
The gigolo from glasgow  
But like an old, old hunter of the female buffalo,  
He's headed for the number one hit country again

{repeat chorus}  
And it's true  
True blue  
Irish blue  
True blue  
Irish blue  
And it's true  
It's so true  
Ummm, it's true  
I swear I've said it  
Swear I've said it  
I swear I said it  
I swear it's true  
And it's true  
True blue  
Oh, it's irish blue  
And it's true...

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