

## Original Broadway Cast "I Dismiss You"

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GRACE

You are not a man,  
You don't have a spine,  
Ready to surrender  
And put Ireland in chains  
Whoring's made you soft  
Drink has left you weak  
Not a drop of Irish blood  
Is left within your veins

You and all your lies,  
I've borne all that I must  
I can see you clear;  
You're a dead weight in a war,  
A disgrace to the clan  
You're a hundred things more,  
What you're not is man!

Get up!  
Jesus Christ!

DONAL

I've had enough of this,  
Woman, hold your whist!  
"Woman," well not quite,  
That's always been the joke;  
What is the trouble here?  
Basic'lly the gist  
Is I can't go on being  
Married to a bloke

Yes, love, it's true  
You've been adm'rably taught  
Pressed to admit,  
You're an ace at your trade,  
You're a half-decent shot,  
Fairly skilled with a blade...  
But a woman you're not!

GRACE

My father up above,  
His very word you flout!

DONAL  
Boots, swords,  
And trousers  
I've been the  
patient one!

GRACE  
Has it been three years?  
I can still walk out!

DONAL  
I draw the line,  
If you cross it, then

GRACE AND DONAL  
We're done!

DONAL  
You took my rightful place  
Through the mad dying words  
of a senile old man

GRACE  
Now you've fin'ly said  
What is unforgivable

Every day  
Discrediting

DONAL  
(at the same time)  
Every day  
regretting

BOTH  
The bargain that we made

GRACE  
Never did I  
Have a doubt

DONAL  
(at the same time)  
Not a doubt ever

BOTH  
That this would  
Come to be

GRACE

Poisonous  
And pitiful

DONAL  
(at the same time)  
Poisoned,  
Perverted,

BOTH  
The tune you asked be played

GRACE  
Someone has to  
pay the piper;

DONAL  
(at the same time)  
Someone must  
pay up, dear

BOTH  
Better you than me

GRACE  
No!  
As allowed me, by our Irish laws,  
I say to you now...  
I dismiss you!  
I dismiss you!  
I dismiss you!

MEN  
Stay away from Grania,  
You don't matter any more  
Hang your sword up, go below - you've  
Nothing else to do  
Soon as we get into port  
We dump you on the shore  
Unity of clans is over  
All because of you...  
All because of you...  
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All because of you...

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