

## **Battlefield Band**

### **"Tramps & Hawkers"**

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I dreamed a dream the other nicht, a dream a' long ago  
I saw ya in o' the travelin' folk, along the open road.  
His step was light, his head held high tae catch the  
scent o' spring  
And his voice rang round the country side as he began  
to sing...

O come a' ye tramps and hawker-lads ye gaitherers o'  
bla'  
That tramp the country roun' and roun', come listen  
youn' an' a'  
I'll tell tae you a rovin' tale, o' sights that I hae seen  
Far off intae the snowy north, an' sooth by Gretna  
Green.

I've traveled roun' the Lothian lan's, I seen the rushing  
Spey  
I've been by Crieff and Calander an' by the shores o'  
Loch Tay  
I've watched the rain on the border hills, the mist in  
northern glens  
And I've bedded down beneath the moon, in corries  
naebedy kens

And I'm often down by Gallowa', an' roun' about  
Stranraer  
My business takes me anywhere, sure I travel near an'  
far  
For I've a rovin' in the blood, and there's nothing I will  
lack  
As long as I've my daily fare, and a claethes upon my  
back.

I'm happy in the summer-time beneath the bright blue  
sky  
Naer thinkin' in the mornin' at nicht where I've to lie  
Barn or byre or aunywhere, or aut amang the hay  
And if the weather does permit, I'm happy every day.

I think I'll go tae Paddy's Lan', I'm makin' up my mind  
For Scotland's greatly altered noo, I canna raise the

wind

And I will trust in Providence, if Providence proves true  
And I'll sing of Erin's Isle when I return to you.

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That tramp the country roun' and roun', come listen  
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I'll tell tae you a rovin' tale, o' sights that I hae seen  
Far off intae the snowy north, an' sooth by Gretna  
Green.

When I'd awoken from my dream, the dawn song had  
begun.

The birds sang out their old old songs to great the  
rising sun.

I lay among the shadows, and thought of days long  
gone.

And those wanderin tramps and hawker lads, who's  
days are surely done.

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