The Psychedelic Ensemble "The Irish Rover"

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On the 4th of July, eighteen hundred and six We set sail from the cold bay of Cork We were sailing away with a cargo of bricks For the grand city hall in New York She was a wonderful craft, she was rigged fore and aft And oh, how the wild winds drove her She had several blasts, she had 27 masts And we called her the Irish Rover

We had one million bags of the best Sligo rags We had two million barrels of stones We had three million sides of old blind horses hides We had four million barrels of bones. We had five million hogs, we had six million dogs And seven million Celtic supporters We had eight million bails of old nanny goats' tails In the hold of the Irish Rover

There was Barney McGee from the banks of the Lee There was Hogan from County Tyrone There was Charlie McGurk who was scared stiff of work And a man from Westmeathe called Malone There was Slugger O'Toole who was drunk as a rule And Fightin' Bill Tracy from Dover And your man Mick McCann From the banks of the Bann Was the skipper of the Irish Rover

Bridge:

We had sailed seven years when the measles broke out And the ship lost it's way in the fog (great fog!) And the whale of a crew was reduced down to two Just myself and the Captain's old dog Then the ship struck a rock, oh Lord what a shock The bulkhead turned right over Turned nine times around, and the poor old dog was drowned

And I'm the last of the Irish Rover

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