

## Ralph McTell "Mr. Connaughton"

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Mr Connaughton my memory's long, though the years  
have flown

Though the years have gone.

Was your wife's name Marjorie or Mary?

Were you from Cork or Tipperary?

Mr Connaughton when we lived underneath

Oh you said it was a lucky man had a gap between his  
teeth

And for a while I had a gap too

But it closed when my big teeth came through.

Oh it closed when my big teeth came through.

Mr Connaughton you seemed to laugh such a lot

And that would make us smile too, as often as not

Did you have a friend who was a soldier?

Well I'm gonna join the army when I'm older.

Well I know you paid a fiver for that old motorbike

And they said it wouldn't run, but I thought that it might.

I was nearly asleep when it spluttered into life

And I clenched my fist and smiled a secret smile of  
delight

Was your first name Kevin or Mike?

I remember when you built us a soap-box cart

With the wheels off a pram, and a plank out in the yard,

And you gave us a bit of string but we steered it with  
our feet.

Oh boy it was the best one on the street,

And you said "Jesus, that's the best one on the street".

I remember when your little girl was born

You brought her downstairs to show us all,

And we were allowed to kiss her

And I wished she was my sister.

Mr Connaughton, you moved away

With your wife and your baby, but we stayed

Till finally we got re-housed too

And I never will forget you

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