

Dubliners, The

"The Rocky Road To Dublin"

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While in the merry month of May from me home I
started,
Left the girls of Tuam so sad and broken hearted.
Saluted father dear, kissed me darling mother,
Drank a pint of beer, me grief and tears to smother,
Then off to reap the corn, leave where I was born,
Cut a stout black thorn to banish ghosts and goblins;
Bought a pair of brogues rattling o'er the bogs
And frightening all the dogs on the rocky road to
Dublin.

One, two, three, four, five,
Hunt the Hare and turn her down the rocky road
All the way to Dublin, Whack follol de rah !

In Mullingar that night I rested limbs so weary,
Started by daylight next morning blithe and early,
Took a drop of pure to keep me heart from sinking;
That's a Paddy's cure whenever he's on drinking.
See the lassies smile, laughing all the while
At me curious style, 'twould set your heart a bubblin'
Asked me was I hired, wages I required,
I was almost tired of the rocky road to Dublin.

In Dublin next arrived, I thought it such a pity
To be soon deprived a view of that fine city.
So then I took a stroll, all among the quality;
Me bundle it was stole, all in a neat locality.
Something crossed me mind, when I looked behind,
No bundle could I find upon me stick a wobblin'
Â«Enquiring for the rogue, they said me Connaught
brogue
Wasn't much in vogue on the rocky road to DublinÂ».

From there I got away, me spirits never falling,
Landed on the quay, just as the ship was sailing.
The Captain at me roared, said that no room had he;
When I jumped aboard, a cabin found for Paddy.
Down among the pigs, played some hearty rigs,
Danced some hearty jigs, the water round me
bubbling;

When off Holyhead I wished me self was dead,
Or better for instead on the rocky road to Dublin.

Well the boys of Liverpool, when we safely landed,
Called me self a fool, I could no longer stand it.
Blood began to boil, temper I was losing;
Poor old Erin's Isle they began abusing.
«Hurrah me soul» says I, me Shillelagh I let fly.
Some Galway boys were nigh and saw I was a hobble
in,

With a load «hurray» joined in the affray.
We quietly cleared the way for the rocky road to Dublin.

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