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"THE ARMAGH SNIPER"

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In South Armagh there was a man who had a long-
range gun
He said I'll show them Army boys there's nowhere they
can run
He was the South Armagh sniper
He'd pick a spot and wait the whole day through
Until a brit patrol came into view

The Armagh sniper he never missed his mark
He was lethal in the daytime and deadly in the dark
If he gets you in his sights you'd better say your
prayers
So British troops go home or else beware

Soon his reputation spread through Ulster like wildfire
The list of British casualties just kept on getting higher
It was the South Armagh sniper he made the British
forces think again
About wandering at night through Crossmaglen

The Armagh sniper the brits were terrified
They could never pin him down no matter how they
tried
If he gets you in his sights he'll make widows of your
wives
So brits go home while you still have your lives

In London and in Dublin they pretend to speak of peace
They say give us your weapons and we'll make this
bloodshed cease
But the south Armagh sniper he's heard their lies and
double-talk before
He won't be fooled or cheated anymore

The Armagh sniper he hasn't gone away
His rifles oiled and loaded he's just waiting for the day
So if the British government should break their word
well then
The sniper will go back to work again
I'm a-comin back boys

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