

## Irish Folksongs

# "THE BOYS FROM THE COUNTY MAYO"

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Far away from the land of the Shamrock and heather  
In search of a living, as exiles we roam  
But whenever we chance to assemble together  
We think of the land where we once had a home:  
But these homes are destroyed and our soil  
confiscated  
The hand of the tyrant brought plunder and woe;  
The fires are now quenched and our hearts desolated  
In our once happy homes in the County Mayo

Long years have now passed since with hearts full of  
sorrow  
The of the Shamrock we left far behind;  
But how we would like to go back there to-morrow;  
To the scenes of our youth, which we still bear in mind;  
The days of our childhood, it's now we recall them  
They cling to our vision wherever we go;  
And the friends of our youth we will never forget them  
They too ar exiled from the County Mayo

From historic Killala, from Swinford to Calla  
Ballyhaunis and Westport and old Castlebar  
Kiltimagh and Claremorris, Belmullet and Erris  
Kilkelly and Knock that's famed near and far;  
Balla, Ballinrobe, Ballina and Bohola  
Keeloges and Foxford a few miles below  
Newport and Cong with old Straide and Manulla  
Charlestown too, in the County Mayo

Then on with the cause 'till our aim is accomplished  
Those who would fault us are cowardly and mean  
So stand in the fight 'till the tyrant is vanquished  
Expelled from our Dear little Island of Green  
With the foes of our land we have fought a long battle  
Soon they will get their last death-dealing blow  
When old Nick has received them, their brains he will  
rattle  
For the wrongs they have done to the County Mayo

From Galway to Dublin, from Derry to Kerry  
New York and 'Frisco and Boston also

In Pittsburg, Chicago, Detroit and Toronto  
There are stout-hear

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