

French Percy

"The Mountains Of Mourne"

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(Words by Percy French, ca 1900. Melody trad.)

Oh Mary, this London's a wonderful sight,

With people here working by day and by night.

They don't sow potatoes nor barley nor wheat

But there's gangs of them diggin' for gold in the street.

At least, when I asked them that's what I was told

So I just took a hand at this diggin' for gold;

But for all that I've found there, I might as well be

Where the Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the
sea.

I believe that when writin' a wish you expressed

As to how the fine lAdies of London are dressed.

Well if you believe me, when asked to a ball

They don't wear no tops to their dresses at all.

Oh, I've seen them myself and you could not, in thrath

(truth)

Say if they were bound for a ball, or a bath,

Don't be startin' them fashions now, Mary Machree,

Where the etc.

I've seen England's king from the top of a bus

And I've never known him, but he means to know us.

And tho' by the Saxon we once were oppressed,

Still I cheered, God forgive me, I cheered with the rest.

And now that he's visited Erin's green shore

We'll be much better friends than we've been
heretofore

When we've got all we want, we're as quiet as can be

Where the etc.

You remember young Peter O'Loughlin of course

Well now he is here at the head of the Force.

I met him today, I was crossing the Strand

And he stopped the whole street with a wave of his
hand.

And there we stood talking of days that are gone

While the whole population of London looked on;

But for all these great powers, he's wishful, like me

To be back where the dark Mourne sweeps down to the
sea.

There's beautiful girls here --- Oh, never you mind ---

With beautiful shapes nature never designed.

And lovely complexions all roses and cream,

But O'Loughlin remarked with regard to the same

That if at those roses you venture to sip

The colors might all come away on your lip

So I'll wait for the wild rose that's waitin' for me

Where the etc.

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