Gangs Of New York Movie "Paddy's Lamentation"

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Song by Linda Thompson

Well it's by the hush, me boys, and sure that's to hold your noise

And listen to poor Paddy's sad narration
I was by hunger pressed, and in poverty distressed
So I took a thought I'd leave the Irish nation

Here's to you boys, now take my advice To America I'll have ye's not be going There is nothing here but war, where the murderin' cannons roar

And I wish I was at home in dear old Dublin

Well I sold me ass and cow, my little pigs and sow My little plot of land I soon did part with And me sweetheart Bid McGee, I'm afraid I'll never see For I left her there that morning broken-hearted

Well meself and a hundred more, to America sailed o'er

Our fortunes to be made [sic] we were thinkin' When we got to Yankee land, they shoved a gun into our hands

Saying "Paddy, you must go and fight for Lincoln"

General Meagher to us he said, if you get shot or lose your head

Every murdered soul of youse will get a pension Well meself I lost me leg, they gave me a wooden peg, And by God this is the truth to you I mention

Well I think meself in luck, if I get fed on Indian buck And old Ireland is the country I delight in With the devil, I do say, it's curse Americay For I think I've had enough of your hard fightin'

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