

Lehrer Tom

"The Irish Ballad"

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(Piano Intro)

About a maid I'll sing a song, sing rikkity tikkity tin,
About a maid I'll sing a song, who didn't have her
family long,
Not only did she do them wrong,
She did every one of them in, them in,
She did every one of them in.

One morning in a fit of pique, sing rikkity tikkity tin,
One morning in a fit of pique, she drowned her father
in the creek,
The water tasted bad for a week,
And we had to make do with Gin, with Gin,
We had to make do with Gin.

Her mother she could never stand, sing rikkity tikkity
tin,
Her mother she could never stand, And so a cyanide
soup she planned,
The mother died with a spoon in her hand,
And her face in a hideous grin, a grin,
Her face in a hideous grin.

She set her sister's hair on fire, sing rikkity tikkity tin,
She set her sister's hair on fire, and as the smoke and
flame rose higher,
Danced around the funeral pyre, playing a violin, -olin,
Playing a violin.

(This verse faster)

She weighted her brother down with stones, rikkity
tikkity tin,
She weighted her brother down with stones, and sent
him off to Davy Jones,
All they ever found were some bones, and occasional
pieces of skin,
Of skin, occasional pieces of skin.

One day when she had nothing to do, sing rikkity tikkity
tin,

One day when she had nothing to do, she cut her baby
brother in two,
And served him up as an Irish Stew,
And invited the neighbours in, -bours in,
Invited the neighbours in.

And when at last the police came by, sing rikkity tikkity
tin,
And when at last the police came by, her little pranks
she did not deny,
To do so she would have had to lie,
And lying she knew was a sin, a sin,
Lying she knew was a sin.

(This verse faster)
My tragic tale I won't prolong, rikkity tikkity tin,
My tragic tale I won't prolong, and if you do not enjoy
my song,
You've yourselves to blame if it's too long,
You should never have let me begin, begin,
You should never have let me begin. (gd/naas)

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