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## Morrison Van ''Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral''

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Lyrics by J. R. Shannon. (Sung by Van at the Last Waltz rehearsal) Over in Killarney Many years ago, Me Mither sang a song to me In tones so sweet and low. Just a simple little ditty, In her good ould Irish way, And I'd give the world if she could sing That song to me this day.

Chorus: Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Too-ra-loo-ra-li, Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, hush now, don't you cry! Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Too-ra-loo-ra-li, Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, that's an Irish lullaby.

Oft in dreams I wander To that cot again, I feel her arms a-huggin' me As when she held me then. And I hear her voice a-hummin' To me as in days of yore, When she used to rock me fast asleep Outside the cabin door.

This song was first a hit for Chauncey Olcott in 1914. It was included in Bing's movie Going My Way, where he sang it to a weary Father Fitzgibbon. Bing recorded the song for Decca on July 7, 1944. It quickly became another million-seller for Bing and spent 12 weeks on the Billboard charts in 1944, reaching as high as No. 4. For reasons unknown to me, Bing re-recorded the song on July 17, 1945. Both versions appear on the MCA CD Top O' the Morning: Bing Crosby's Irish Collection.

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