

## Minstrels Of Mayhem

### "Johnny Jump Up"

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Well, I'll tell you a story that happened to me  
one day as I went out to Yaw by the sea.  
The day it was hot, the sun it was warm,  
says I, "A quick pint wouldn't do any harm."  
I went in and ordered a bottle of stout.  
Says the barman, "I'm sorry the beer's all sold out.  
Try whiskey, young Paddy, ten years in the wood."  
Says I, "I'll have cider; I've heard that it's good."

Chorus:

But I'll never, no never, no never again  
if I live to a hundred or a hundred and ten.  
Well I fell to the ground and I could not get up  
after drinking a quart of the Johnny-Jump-Up.

After law in the third, I came out by the yard  
where I walked into Brofie, the big civic guard;  
"Come 'ere to me boy. Don't you know I'm the law?"  
I opened me fist and I shattered his jaw.  
Well he fell to the ground with his knees doubled up;  
'twas not I that what hit him, but the Johnny Jump-Up.

Chorus

The next thing that I met down by Yaw by the Sea  
was a cripple on crutches, and he said to me,  
"I'm afraid for me life. I'll be hit by a car.  
Won't you help me across to the railwayman's bar?"  
But after drinkin' a quart of the cider so sweet,  
he threw down his crutches and danced on his feet.

Chorus

Well I went down the lee road a friend for to see;  
they call it the Madhouse in Cork by the Sea.  
But when I got there, sure the truth I will tell,  
they had the poor bugger locked up in his cell.  
So's the guard tested him, "Say these word if you can:  
"Around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran."  
"Tell 'em I'm not crazy, tell 'em I'm not mad.

'Twas only the sip off the bottle I had."

#### Chorus

A man died in the Union by the name of McNabb.  
They washed him and they laid him out on a slab.  
And after O'Connor his measurements did take,  
his wife took him home for a bloody fine wake.  
Well, about twelve o'clock and the beer it was high,  
the corpse sits up and says he with a sigh,  
"I can't get to heaven, they won't let me up,  
'till I bring them a quart of the Johnny Jump-Up."

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