

# MY BONNY BOY IS YOUNG BUT HE'S GROWING.

O The trees that do grow high, and the leaves that do  
grow green,  
The days are gone and past, my love, that you and I have  
seen,  
On a cold winter's night when you and I alone have been  
My bonny boy is young, but he's growing.

O father, dear father, you to me much harm have done,  
You married me to a boy, you know he is too young.  
Oh, daughter dear, if you'll wait you'll quickly have a son  
And a lady you shall be, while he's growing

I will send him to college, for one year or two,  
And perhaps in that time, my love, he may do for you;  
We'll buy him some white ribbon, to tie round his bonny  
waist too,  
And let the ladies know he is married.

She went to the college and look'd over the wall,  
Saw four-and-twenty gentlemen, there a playing at ball,  
They would not let him go through for her true-love she  
did call,  
Because he was a young man, growing.

At the age of sixteen, oh, he was a married man.  
At the age of seventeen, she brought him forth a son,  
At the age of eighteen, the grass did grow over his grave  
stone,  
Cruel death put an end to his growing.

I will make my love a shroud of fine holland brown,  
And all the time I'm making it the tears they shall run  
down,  
Saying, once I had a sweetheart but now I have got none  
Farewell! to thee, my bonny lad, for evermore

Oh, now my love is dead, and in his grave doth lie,  
The green grass grows over him so very high,  
There I can sit and mourn his fate, until the day I die,  
But I'll watch o'er his child while he's growing.

# NORAH MACSHANE.

I've left Ballymornach a long way behind me  
To better my fortune I've crossed the big  
sea—

But I'm sadly alone, not a creature to mind me  
Och, hone! I'm as wretched as wretched  
can be.

I think of the buttermilk, fresh as the daisy,  
The beautiful hills and the Emerald plain—  
And, och, don't I oftentimes think myself  
crazy,  
About that black-ey'd rogue, Norah M'Shane

I sigh for the turf fire so cheerfully burning,  
When barefoot I trudged it from toiling afar,  
When I tossed in the light the thirteen I'd  
been earning,  
And whistled the old song of "Erin go  
Bragh."

In truth, I believe that I'm half brokenhearted,  
To my country and love I must get back  
again,  
For I've never been happy at all since I parted,  
From sweet Ballymornach and Norah  
M'Shane.

Och, there's something so dear in the cot I  
was born in,  
Tho' the walls are but mud and the roof is  
but thatch—

How pleasant the grunt of the pigs in the  
morning,

What music in lifting the rusty old late,  
'Tis true I'd no money, but then I'd no sorrow  
Each pocket was light but my heart had  
no pain,

And if I but live till the sun shines to-morrow,  
I'll be off to Ould Ireland and Norah  
M'Shane.

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