

Rocky road to Dublin – High Kings

Dm

In the merry month of June from me home I started

C

Left the girls of Tuam, nearly broken hearted

Dm

Saluted Father dear, kissed me darling mother

C

Drank a pint of beer, me grief and tears to smother

Dm

Then off to reap the corn, leave where I was born

C

Cut a stout blackthorn to banish ghosts and goblins

Dm

A brand new pair of brogues, rattlin' o'er the bogs

C

Frightenin' all the dogs on the rocky road to Dublin

CHORUS

Dm

One two three four five

C

Dm

Hunt the hare and turn her down the rocky road

C

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And all the way to Dublin, Whack fol lol le rah!

In Mullingar that night I rested limbs so weary

Started by daylight me spirits bright and airy

Took a drop of the pure

Keep me heart from sinking

That's the Paddy's cure whenever he's on drinking

To see the lassies smile, laughing all the while

At me curious style, 'twould set your heart a bubblin'

And asked if I was hired, wages I required

'Till I was nearly tired of the rocky road to Dublin

In Dublin next arrived, I thought it such a pity

To be soon deprived a view of that fine city

Well then I took a stroll, all among the quality

Bundle it was stole, all in a neat locality

Something crossed me mind, when I looked behind

No bundle could I find upon me stick a wobblin'

Enquiring for the rogue, said me Connaught brogue

Wasn't much in vogue on the rocky road to Dublin

From there I got away, me spirits never falling
Landed on the quay, just as the ship was sailing
The Captain at me roared, said that no room had he
When I jumped aboard, a cabin found for Paddy
Down among the pigs, played some funny rigs
Danced some hearty jigs, the water round me bubbling
When off Holyhead wished meself was dead
Or better far instead
On the rocky road to Dublin

The boys of Liverpool, when we safely landed
Called meself a fool, I could no longer stand it
Blood began to boil, temper I was losing
Poor old Erin's isle they began abusing
"Hurrah me soul!" says I, me shillelagh I let fly
Some Galway boys were nigh and saw I was a hobble in
With a loud "Hurray!" joined in the affray
We quickly cleared the way for the rocky road to Dublin

CHORUS [2x]