

MACNAMARA'S BAND

D D D D
MY NAME IS MACNAMARA, I'M THE LEADER OF A BAND,
G D D
AND THOUGH WE'RE SMALL IN NUMBER, WE'RE THE BEST
A
IN ALL THE LAND.
D D D D
OF COURSE I'M THE CONDUCTOR AND I'VE OFTEN HAD TO PLAY
G D D - A7 D
WITH ALL THE FINE MUSICIANS THAT YOU READ ABOUT TODAY.

D D
OOH, THE DRUMS THEY BANG, THE CYMBALS CLANG,
D D
THE HORNS THEY BLAZE AWAY,
G D D
MCCARTHY PUFFS THE OULD BASSOON, DOYLE
D A
(AND I) THE PIPES DO PLAY.
D D
HENNESSEY TENNESY TOOTLES THE FLUTE,
D D
THE MUSIC IS SOMETHING GRAND,
G D D - A7 D
AND A CREDIT TO OULD IRELAND'S BOYS IS MACNAMARA'S BAND.

D D D D
WHENEVER AN ELECTION'S ON WE PLAY ON EITHER SIDE,
G D
AND THE WAY WE PLAY THE FINE OULD AIRS
D A
FILLS EVERY HEART WITH PRIDE.
D D D D
IF DEAR TOM MOORE WAS LIVING NOW HE'D MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND
G D D - A7 D
THAT NONE CAN DO HIM JUSTICE LIKE OULD MACNAMARA'S BAND.

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WE PLAY FOR FAIRS OR WEDDINGS AND FOR EVERY COUNTY BALL,
G D
AND AT ANY GREAT MAN'S FUNERAL WE PLAY
D A
"THE DEAD THEY MARCH IN SAUL."
D D D D
WHEN GENERAL GRANT TO IRELAND CAME HE SHOOK ME BY THE HAND,
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AND SAID HE NEVER HEARD THE LIKE OF OULD MACNAMARA'S BAND.

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OOH, JUST NOW WE ARE PRACTICING FOR A VERY GRAND AFFAIR,
G D D A
IT'S AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION, ALL THE GENTRY WILL BE THERE.
D D
THE GIRLS AND BOYS WILL ALL TURN OUT WITH
D D
FLAGS AND COLOURS GRAND,
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AND IN FRONT OF THE PROCESSION WILL BE MACNAMARA'S BAND.

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