## THE DARLIN' GIRL FROM CLARE

WE WERE SITTIN' ON THE WALL UPON A SUNDAY

JUST TO WATCH THE GIRLS GO BY,

AND THINKIN' WE'D BE MARRIT TO ONE ONE DAY,

WHEN KATE FLYNN CAUGHT OUR EYE.

OH, MAN! SHE WAS THE MAKIN'S OF A FAIRY; AND IT MADE EACH BOY SWEAR,

`THERE`S NOT ONE GIRL IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD

LIKE THE DARLIN' GIRL FROM CLARE

[CHORUS]

SO EVERY MAN HAD GOT THEIR FINEST PLAN YOU EVER SEE NOW-BARRIN` ME NOW,

AND EV'RY DAY THERE'S ONE OF THEM WOULD SAY

THAT SHE'LL AGREE NOW- YOU'LL SEE NOW;

ALL NIGHT THEY'D FIGHT, AS TO WHICH O' THEM WAS RIGHT,

IN THE COLOUR OF HER EYES AND HAIR,

BUT NOT A WORD FROM ME WAS EVER HEARD, ABOUT THE DARLIN` GIRL FROM CLARE!

SAYS SWEENY: 'TIS THE FATHER I'LL BE PLAZIN',

I'LL TELL HIM OF THE LAND I'VE TILLED,

I'LL TELL HIM OF THE CATTLE I HAVE GRAZIN'

AND OF THE HOUSE I MEAN TO BUILD;

AND WHEN HE SEES THE 'ARABLE' AND 'PASTURE'

AND THE FAT STOCK FEEDIN' THERE, AN' THE HENS AN' THE CHICKENS,

YE MAY GO TO THE DICKENS FOR THE GIRL FROM CLARE.'

CHORUS

SEZ SHARKEY; 'SHE`LL BE COMING TO THE SHOP HERE TO BUY SOME SORT OF THING,

I'LL AXE HER IF SHE HAS A MIND TO STOP HERE, AND I SHOULD BUY HER THE RING

AN' WHIN SHE SEES THE CURTAINS ON THE WINDAS,

AN' THE OLD CLOCK ON THE STAIRS KEEPIN' TIME TO THE MINIT,

NO ONE ELSE WILL BE IN IT WITH THE DARLIN' GIRL FROM CLARE!

CHORUS

I NEVER SAID A SINGLE WORD ABOUT HER, BUT I MET THE GIRL THAT DAY,

I TOLD HER I COULD NEVER LIVE WITHOUT HER, AN' WHAT HAD SHE TO SAY?

SHE SAID THAT I MIGHT GO AND SEE HER FATHER;

SO I MET HIM THEN AND THERE, AN' IN LESS THAN AN HOUR

WE WERE FIGHTIN' FOR THE DOWER OF THE DARLIN' GIRL FROM CLAIR!

CHORUS

SO EV'RY MAN HAD GOT THE FINEST PLAN YOU EVER SEE NOW BARRIN' ME NOW,

EV'RY DAY THERE'S ONE OF THEM WOULD SAY

THAT SHE'LL AGREE NOW - YOU'LL SEE NOW;

BUT LATE LAST NIGHT WHEN THE MOON WAS SHINING BRIGHT

I AXED HER IF SHE'D SHARE IN ME JOYS AND ME SORROWS

AN` BEGORRA! ON TOMORRA I`LL BE MARRIED TO THE GIRL FROM CLARE!