

THE GALWAY RACES

WITH ME WHAK, FOL THE DO, FOL THE DID-DE-LEY, I-DIE-AY
AS I ROVED OUT THROUGH GALWAY TOWN TO SEEK FOR RECREATION
ON THE SEVENTEENTH OF AUGUST MY MIND BEING ELEVATED
THERE WERE MULTITUDES ASSEMBLED WITH THEIR TICKETS AT THE STATION
MY EYES BEGAN TO DAZZLE AND I'M OFF TO SEE THE RACES
WITH ME WHAK, FOL THE DO, FOL THE DID-DE-LEY, I-DIE-AY
THERE WERE PASSENGERS FROM LIMERICK AND PASSENGERS FROM NENAGH
THE BOYS FROM CONNEMARA AND THE CLARE UNMARRIED MAIDENS
AND THE PEOPLE FROM CORK CITY WHO WERE LOYAL, TRUE AND FAITHFUL
THAT BROUGHT HOME FENIAN PRISONERS FROM DYING IN FOREIGN NATIONS
WITH ME WHAK, FOL THE DO, FOL THE DID-DE-LEY, I-DIE-AY
IT'S THERE YOU'LL SEE CONFECTIONERS WITH SUGARSTICKS AND DAINTRIES
THE LOZENGES, THE ORANGES, THE LEMONADE AND RAISINS
AND GINGERBREAD AND SPICES TO ACCOMMODATE THE LADIES
AND A BIG CRUBEEN FOR THREEPENCE TO BE PICKING WHILE YOU'RE ABLE
WITH ME WHAK, FOL THE DO, FOL THE DID-DE-LEY, I-DIE-AY
IT'S THERE YOU'LL SEE THE FIDDLERS AND PIPERS COMPETING
THE NUMBLE-FOOTED DANCERS AND THEY TRIPPING ON THE DAISIES
AND OTHERS CRYING "CIGARS AND LIGHTS AND BILLS OF ALL THE RACES
WITH THE COLORS OF THE JOCKEYS AND THE PRIZE AND HORSES' AGES"
WITH ME WHAK, FOL THE DO, FOL THE DID-DE-LEY, I-DIE-AY
IT'S THERE YOU'D SEE THE JOCKEYS AND THEY MOUNTED SO STATELY

THE PINKS, THE BLUES, THE IRISHER GREEN THE EMBLEM OF OUR NATION
WHEN THE BELL WAS RUNG FOR STARTING ALL THE HORSES SEEMED IMPATIENT
I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER STOOD ON GROUND, THEIR SPEED WAS SO AMAZING
 G **D** **C** **D** **Em**
WITH ME WHAK, FOL THE DO, FOL THE DID-DE-LEY, I-DIE-AY
THERE WAS HALF A MILLION PEOPLE THERE OF ALL DENOMINATIONS
THE CATHOLIC, THE PROTESTANT, THE JEW AND PRESBYTERIAN
THERE WAS YET NO ANIMOSITY, NO MATTER WHAT PERSUAUSION
BUT SPORT AND HOSPITALITY INDUCING FRESH ACQUAINTANCE
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