

Rocky Road to Dublin

D. K. Gavan

1 In the merry month of June from me home I started
Left the girls of Tuam nearly broken hearted
Saluted Father dear, kissed me darling mother
Drank a pint of beer, me grief and tears to smother
Then off to reap the corn, leave where I was born
Cut a stout blackthorn to banish ghosts and goblins
A brand new pair of brogues, rattlin' o'er the boggs
Frightenin' all the dogs on the rocky road to Dublin

One two three four five
Hunt the hare and turn her down the rocky road
And all the way to Dublin, Whack pol lol le rah!

2 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'
An' asked if I was hired, wages I required
'Till I was nearly tired of the rocky road to Dublin

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3 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

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"Rocky Road to Dublin"
Rocky Road to Dublin est une chanson traditionnelle irlandaise contant l'histoire d'un homme qui quitte sa ville natale de Tuam pour Liverpool en passant par Dublin.

Les paroles sont supposées avoir été écrites au [xix^e siècle](#) par D. K. Gavan pour Harry Clifton, artiste de *music hall* anglais, qui a popularisé la chanson.

Elle est réputée pour sa difficulté d'interprétation du fait de son rythme rapide et sec et du manque de respiration[[réf. nécessaire](#)].

De nombreux artistes ont chanté cette chanson depuis, en particulier [The Clancy Brothers](#) ou encore [The Dubliners](#) dont une version remasterisée a été utilisée pour la bande originale du film *Sherlock Holmes* en 2009.

Elle a aussi été interprétée par le groupe de [punk celtique Dropkick Murphys](#), sur leur album *Sing Loud, Sing Proud!*.

4 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 rigs, 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

One two three four five
Hunt the Hare and turn her down the rocky road
And all the way to Dublin, Whack fol lol le rah!

5 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

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