

The Rambling Irishman



Sure I am a bit of an I - rish-man and I've trav-elled the coun - try round____
To seek for work in for-eign parts____ I've took it to be a plan____
With me bun - dle on me shoul-der____ me shi - lle-lagh black-thorn in me hand____
Sure I blessed the day that I sailed a - way as a ram-ber-ling I - rish - man____

2. When I landed in Castle Cormoral the girls did jump for joy
There was one unto the other 'Here comes an Irish boy!'
One treated me with a bottle and the other one with a can
And the toss went round the table 'Here's good luck to the Irishman'
3. Sure I hadn't been in Philadelphi it was scarcely three days nor more
All for the landlady's daughter she fell in love with me
She asked me if I'd dine with her, she kissed and squashed my hand
And she whispered to her mammy 'Sure I'm in love with the Irishman'
4. Oh it's 'Daughter, dearest daughter, you must be mad I'm sure
To fall in love with an Irishman you've never known before'
It's 'Hold your tongue, dear mother' she said 'I will do the best I can
And I mean to ramble the world around with me rambling Irishman'

Source: Danny Brazil at Staverton, 5th May 1978, collected by Gwilym Davies