

# Lanigan's Ball

## Enter the Haggis

In the town of Athy one Jeremy Lanigan  
Battered away 'til he hadn't a pound.  
His father he died and made him a man again  
Left him a farm and ten acres of ground.  
He threw a grand party to friends and relations  
Who didn't desert him when it comes to the will,  
And if you'll but listen I'll make your eyes glisten  
And spin you a tale of Lanigan's Ball  
Six whole months I spent in Dublin,  
Six whole months doing nothing at all  
Six whole months I spent in Dublin,  
Learning to dance for Lanigan's ball  
I stepped out and he stepped in again  
He stepped out and I stepped in again  
I stepped out and he stepped in again  
Learning to dance to Lanigan's ball  
Myself to be sure got free invitation,  
For all the nice girls and boys I might ask,  
And just in a minute both friends and relations  
Were dancing as merry as bees 'round a cask.  
There were lashings of punch and wine for the ladies,  
Potatoes and cakes; there was bacon and tea,  
There were the Nolans, Dolans, O'Gradys  
Courting the girls and dancing away  
Six whole months I spent in Dublin,  
Six whole months doing nothing at all  
Six whole months I spent in Dublin,  
Learning to dance for Lanigan's ball  
I stepped out and he stepped in again  
He stepped out and I stepped in again  
I stepped out and he stepped in again  
Learning to dance to Lanigan's ball  
They were doing all kinds of nonsensical polkas  
Around the room in a whirligig  
But Julia and I, we banished their nonsense  
And gave them a taste of a real Irish jig.  
Oh, how the girls got all mad at me  
Danced 'til we thought that the ceiling would fall.  
For I spent three weeks at Brooks' Academy  
Learning new steps for Lanigan's Ball.  
Six whole months I spent in Dublin,  
Six whole months doing nothing at all  
Six whole months I spent in Dublin,  
Learning to dance for Lanigan's ball

I stepped out and he stepped in again  
He stepped out and I stepped in again  
I stepped out and he stepped in again  
LEARNING TO DANCE TO LANIGAN'S BALL!

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