

Kathleen

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Kathleen : to pan and terryBlown like a leaf on a warm summer breeze
A vision approached me as cool as you please
With her strawberry hair and a wink in her eye
To say I was smitten would not be a lie
Gathering courage I started to speak
To ask of her name but my heart felt too weak
Like I'd gone to heaven before I had died
I mumbled the question she calmly replied 'kathleen'
Well I remember my first motorbike
With her riding pillion I'd not heard the like
Of her giggles and squeels as we leaned left and right
And feeling her arms round my chest holding tight
Whirlwind romances were never my speed
But this one took off like a runaway steed
When she said she was having the time of her life
I knew then this vision would soon be my wife, kathleen
Oh kathleen the memories you've left me
They'll be with me through all of my days
Thinking there's safety in numbers no doubt
Accounts for the fact that the wholw town turned out
To behold how serenely she walked down the aisle
But trembled and blushed as I kissed her sweet smile
Picnics on beaches and punts on the lake
Luck seemed to serve us a slice of life's cake
That was more than enought to sustain us through years
When laughter would somehow give way to some tears kathleen
Oh kathleen the memories you've left me
They'll be with me through all of my days
Then at the ball she looked ever so sweet
Heavy with child but still light on her feet
Every head turned our way as we whirled o'er the floor
And I love her more than I'd loved her before
(instrumental)Two caring children siobhan and marie
A grand little grandchild to bounce on my knee
They're a fine testimonial to all that was right
In keeping our candle of love burning bright, kathleen
Now as my life nears it's own eventide
It's almost as though she were here by my side
Such a presence an aura so perfectly made

My beautiful vision that never will fade kathleen

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