Paddy's Lament

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Well, it's by the hushc me boys and that's to mind your noise And listen to poor Paddy's sad narration I was by hunger stressed and in poverty distressed So I took a thought I'd leave the Irish nation Well, I sold me horse and cow, my little pigs and sow My father's farm of land, I then departed And me sweetheart Bid McGee, I'm afraid, I'll never see For I left her there that morning broken-hearted Hear me, boys, now take my advice To America I'll have yous not be coming There is nothing here but war Where the murderin' cannons roar And I wish, I was at home in dear old Dublin Well, myself and a hundred more, to America sailed over Our fortunes to be making we were thinkin' When we got to Yankee land, they put guns into our hands Saying, "Paddy, you must go and fight for Lincoln" Hear me, boys, now take my advice To America I'll have yous not be coming There is nothing here but war Where the murderin' cannons roar And I wish, I was at home in dear old Dublin General Meagher to us he said, "If you get shot or lose your Head Every mother's son of yous will get a pension" Well, in the war I lost me leg and all I've now's a wooden peg By my soul it is the truth to you I mention Hear me, boys, now take my advice To America I'll have yous not be coming There is nothing here but war Where the murderin' cannons roar And I wish. I was at home in dear old Dublin Well, I think meself in luck, if I get fed on Indianbuck And old Ireland is the country I delight in To the Devil, I would say, God curse Americay For in truth I've had enough of their hard fightin' Hear me, boys, now take my advice To America I'll have yous not be coming There is nothing here but war Where the murderin' cannons roar

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