

The Day Of My Return

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My name is John O'Reilly
And my father worked the fields
 In the hills of old Killarney
 Where I helped him turn the wheels
My arms grew hard as iron for a boy of seventeen
And I used my fists for gamblin' in those wet Killarney streetsWell the ship left for America and I took my pack
 aboard
 Said goodbye to my dear Ireland
 Said a prayer to my dear Lord
 Well I fought those sorry guineas
 In the Kitchen they called Hell
 And I fought them for their dollars
 And those guineas paid me well[:: CHORUS ::]
 Fare thee well fair Dover
 Fare thee well, your seasons turn
 My pockets will be jinglin' on the day of my return
The day of my returnWell I fought in New York City and I fought the Jersey shores
 My gut stayed full of whiskey
 And my bed stayed full of whores
 They called my right a cannon-ball
 My left they called the same
And I left them all a-lyin' half in blood and half in shameWell I met a man on '32 and he stuck out his hand
 And he offered me a thousand if I'd fall before his man
 I said it could be done but only for another two
And he smiled at me and nodded as I stuck it in my shoe[:: CHORUS ::]
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 Fare thee well, your seasons turn
 My pockets will be jinglin' on the day of my return
The day of my returnWell they rang the bell two times
 Before I let him have my nose
And I let him work my left until my eye was swollen closed
 Then I let loose a right that they still talk about to-day
For that guinea didn't know that I had bet the other wayWell they covered every dock
 And every port there on the coast
 Looking for the double-crosser who had turned into a ghost
 But I was on a train my friend that rode the other way
And I'll sail from California back to Dublin one fine dayCHORUS (TWICE)
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