

# Banks of the Bann

## Silly Wizard

When first to this country as a stranger I came  
I placed my affection on a comely young dame  
She being warm and tender, her waist small and slender  
Kind Nature had formed her for my overthrow  
On the banks of Bann water, where I first beheld her  
She appeared like fair Juno or a Grecian queen  
Her eyes shone like diamonds, her hair softly twining  
Her cheeks were like roses, or like blood drops in snow  
It was her cruel parents that first caused our variance  
All because I was poor and of a low degree  
But I'll do my endeavour to earn my love's favour  
Although she is come of a rich family  
My name is Delaney, its a name that wont shame me  
And if I had saved money I'd have plenty in store  
But drinking and courting, night rambling and sporting  
Were the cause of my ruin and absence from home  
Had I all the money that's in the West Indies  
Or had I the gold of the African shore  
I would spend it on pearls, and on you my brown girl  
For there's no other love in this world I adore  
And now that I've found her I'm contented forever  
I'll put rings on her fingers and gold in her hair  
And we'll live on the banks of the lovely Bann river  
And in all sorts of splendour I will style her my dear.  
One of several songs with this name.

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