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In Remembrance

(C. M. F.)

THE minstrel for ever is silent, The voice is still, The strings of the harp lie broken That once could thrill; No more with music she loved Of her own dear land, In plaintive ballad or lay Or march song grand, Will the soul of the listener move Till the soft tears fall, Or her martial notes arouse Like a clarion call. Back from the far-off years Old shapes would rise Warriors sword in hand, War's panoplies, O'Connor upon his shield Slow past they bring, While loud the "keene" is raised For Erin's last King. Is it Rory Dall is playing That requiem lay? (The last of the harpers all When O'Neill had sway.) Like sorrow for long-lost love It steals to the heart; Ah! the soul of the minstrel's gone Where no grief can smart. ERNEST MILLIGAN.



Mrs. C. Milligan Fox.

A Memoir of the principal founder of the Irish Folk Song Society, by Miss Alice Millian and Mr. Alfred Perceval Graves, read before the Irish Literary Society by its President at a Concert of Irish Folk Song Music organized by the Irish Folk Song Society in March, 1917, Mr. H. Plunket Greene (Vice-President) in the Chair.

HAVING been asked by Mr. Graves to write a brief memoir of my sister Charlotte, Mrs. Milligan Fox, who died in March last year, I feel that, much as I would wish to leave the task to other hands, I cannot refuse, since the opportunity is given me of acknowledging to the members of the Irish Literary Society how much the influence of their organization meant to her life and career.

It is, indeed, hard for you in London, and almost impossible for many in Ireland, to realize how entirely a section of the youth of Ulster were schooled on un-Irish, or even anti-Irish, lines; and I can hardly believe that if my sister had not come under the influence of your society, she would ever have accomplished the work in the domain of Irish musical research which became her passion—I might almost have said her craze.

During the period when she was preparing the Bunting Memoirs, I had opportunity of discerning that she had come to concentrate her whole attention on the one subject of Irish Folk Music, and she compelled me to concentrate mine also (though I had a hundred other interests), and secured my collaboration in the historical part of that Folk Song work, without allowing me at any time to escape from her direction and supervision.

She had her documents absolutely at her fingers' ends, and the subjectmatter almost by heart; and though my share in the writing was large, it was at every point done as the work of a pupil under the eye of an expert.

In commanding song-words for the ancient airs, which she selected for arrangement, she most frequently chose the subject, and suggested the manner of its treatment with a very sure instinct, especially for what was ancient, historic, and bardic. Themes of that class she usually left for me, whilst of others she would say, "That is more in Mrs. Bunten's line, or in Edith's or Ernest's 2." I was never very strong at concise lyrical poetry, and

would only write it whilst she played to me. With the exception of the case of the Mayo Love Song, I don't think she ever successfully set my words to music. All the same, it was my part to put words to her original airs, or to the old airs which she adapted.

But to come to the beginning. My sister was born in Omagh, County Tyrone, in the sixties, on a St. Patrick's Day. I must say that as I developed sooner than she did in Irish sentiment, I long envied her that birthday. When she was a very little girl, she went with my father and mother on a trip to County Sligo, and, to the great indignation of the long-car driver and passengers, she frequently exclaimed, "I'll shoot the Fenians." These were very likely the first words her infant lips were taught to utter by her nurse, an ardent Orangewoman.

Her first Folk Songs were, doubtless, "Derry Walls" and "The Boyne Water." They were certainly the first tunes I ever heard, with the exception of "Rousseau's Dream" and "Martyrdom," the doleful psalm tune to which cradles in our home were rocked; whilst in the parlour my mother and her visitors sang, "Alice, Where Art Thou?" "Juanita" (as a duet), "Oh Fair Dove, Oh Fond Dove," "When Swallows Build," and performed operatic selections as solos and duets. My sister was taken as a very small girl all the way to Belfast to hear musical and operatic artists like Titiens, Ilma de Murska, and others of that era, and had early determined on a musical career.

An old friend of our childhood, Mrs. Sam Rideal (who was with us at the Albert Hall concert and my sister's last birthday party a few days before her death), made her laugh at recalling the fact that when she was eleven years old, she confidentially and solemnly announced to her young friend that her musical education was now complete, and that she knew so much she could be taught no more. I can hardly think that my sister believed this herself; it was just a bit of girlish show-off. She was always clamouring for more and better teaching; and as soon as the opportunity arose was transferred from the excellent mistress under whom she had acquired "The Harmonious Blacksmith," with variations, to the organist of our parish, Dr. Palmer, an Englishman of remarkable teaching ability. Beethoven and Mendelssohn were now studied; and I am sure that at this era Irish music was entirely scorned as not being classical; but as far as I recollect we had no opportunity of hearing it except served up as "Irish Diamonds" in pianoforte variations.

We went to live in Belfast when she was thirteen or fourteen years old, and at this time came into touch with Miss Lucy Johnstone, who a little later

on was one of the amateur stars of our Philharmonic Society, and who when she became a trained concert singer was one of the first to sing my sister's songs.

One of the great events of our family history was the return of Charlotte from Germany, where she had studied music for two years. We were at Bundoran for the summer at the time. She had learned to sing as well as play, and had a volume of Schubert's songs in her trunk. A piano was lent by a friend in Ballyshannon, for we could not wait till we got home to Belfast to hear those wonderful songs and the Beethoven sonatas. Every evening was a musical evening after that.

A year later she came home from the Royal College of Music, London, with another song-book to delight us with. This was Villiers Stanford's arrangement of fifty songs of old Ireland, to words by Mr. A. P. Graves, I had almost said our first revelation of the glories of ancient native song; but for me it was not exactly the first.

During my sister's absence in Germany, we had a visit from an aged cousin, a lady of over eighty years of age, who had conducted school at the period when the use of the globes, heraldry, and mythology, and a correct French accent, were important branches of education, not forgetting how to enter and leave a room. She had been my mother's teacher, and though I was deep in study for the Intermediate examinations, I did not disdain to attempt to acquire these accomplishments. Besides, her conversation was delightful. She had met Thackeray on his Irish tour, had heard Walter Scott and Jefferies plead in Edinburgh, and had been schooled by a French refugee who had seen baskets of heads carried from the guillotine. I don't recollect ever having heard her commend anyone of Irish birth except the accomplished Mr. Edgeworth and his daughter Maria; but her rendering of Irish airs was an inspiration. Frail and old as she was, she loved to play when we were alone together the Irish melodies which she had learned from the pages of Eliot Hudson and Edward Bunting, or still better, had heard played by the last of the old harpers of the Drogheda school, whom she had employed to teach herself and her pupils.

My sister, owing to her absence in Germany, had missed the chance of meeting with this musical cousin; and it was the late Rt. Hon. Robert Young of Belfast who first drew her attention to the works of Bunting. This venerable citizen of Belfast, who died at the age of ninety-four this year, was a member of the Senate of Belfast University, and it was partly as a mark of gratitude to him, as well as of respect to the Chancellor, the Earl of Shaftesbury, who is President of your Folk Song Society, that the Bunting

papers, which had been put at her disposal by Dr. M'Rory and Lady Deane (the musician's descendants), were placed at her death in the library of the Queen's College.

Of my last visit to my sister I treasure most happy recollections. I had not been able to leave my invalid mother for many years; but immediately after her death, and by her previous express wish, I hastened to London.

My sister was looking forward eagerly to the Patrick's Day Concert at the Albert Hall, where some of her adaptations of Folk Music were to be produced. Her last birthday was on the day before that concert, and Lady Maude Warrender, sister of the President of the Irish Folk Song Society, who was practising two songs with her, brightened the room with a gift of flowers. Attendance at the Concert was visibly an effort. Mrs. Chambers Bunten, who had called in the morning with anxious inquiries as to her fitness to attend, kindly and gravely warned me that she and others felt sure that her death was near, but the effort had no apparent ill effect at the time, though it revealed to me her incurable weakness, which was not at all evident, for her bright conversation and unfailing pleasure in music and society carried it off.

Mr. Bernard Shaw in one of his plays writes cynically "as Irish as an Albert Hall Concert." But this was a really Irish one. Fresh from Belfast, I heard with some bewilderment the massed Guards' bands wearing "England's cruel red," and yet playing tunes and songs that people are now sent to gaol for singing in Ireland. A song found during my sister's delightful visit to Waterford was beautifully sung by Mr. Gordon Cleather, with the words I had written by command very queerly altered by the publisher's man, or my sister, or someone who knew more about music than poetry. Mr. Graves's words were altered, too, to make an ancient battle-song seem to refer to a modern war. Then there were songs by Hamilton Harty and Herbert Hughes. It was just a real Folk Song Concert on a big scale; and my sister's delight was increased by the presence of friends from Ireland, who came next day to congratulate her, and who brought home to her father an account of the great event.

Mrs. Draper, the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Irish Folk Song Society, had written telling her of the Folk Song Society's Medal, which was in preparation for the Feis Ceoil; and the designs were to have been inspected on Sunday, the day, as it came about, which followed her death on March 25th. She had written herself asking Mrs. Draper to have tea with

us; and almost every day of that week she played for me my favourites among the old airs, and told me of the kindness and attention of her friends in the Folk Song Society, who had done so much towards encouraging her life's aim, and giving her happiness and pleasure to the end.

ALICE MILLIGAN.

Let me add to Miss Milligan's memories of her sister a few memories of my own.

The Folk Song Society from which our Irish Folk Song Society sprang was originated as the result of a conversation between our chairman, Mr. Plunket Greene, my brother Charles, the literary and musical critic, and myself, and was started in the old rooms of the Irish Literary Society in Adelphi Terrace, at a meeting attended by the leading Folk Song collectors and experts of the day, Mr. Fuller Maitland, Miss Lucy Broadwood, Mrs. Gomme, now Lady Gomme, Mr. W. H. Gill, and others. Its moving spirit and Secretary was Miss Kate Lee, a member of the Irish Literary Society, and one of its musical benefactors, for she gave us a piano for our use. That Folk Song Society was intended to embrace the four nations, and English, Irish, Scotch, and Welsh Vice-Presidents were appointed to mark the Union. But the hands of the Society became too full to maintain a Unionist Government, and Mrs. Milligan Fox, though a Unionist in politics, led a Home Rule secession for Irish Folk Song, and hence our present Society.

A similar movement took place on the part of the Welsh, which I am afraid I also aided and abetted. And now the Scotch Gaels, led by such enthusiasts as Mrs. Kennedy Fraser, are also acting on independent lines. "Well, there is room and for a'," and we now are an empire of British and Irish, and I may add Colonial, Folk Song, with enough to satisfy the wants of all the devotees of this delightful branch of music.

I have wandered for a moment from my memories of Charlotte Milligan Fox, but only to prove that she was the first to show the value of a greater specialization in our Irish Folk Song Movement. Her departure in an entirely Irish direction gave a great impulse to the promotion of our native music. She was so indefatigable in the pursuit of what, as her sister writes, became such a passion to her that she spared nothing for it—time, money, health, and life itself. She traversed the North and South of Ireland with pencil and music paper, and then with her phonograph, taking down Irish airs and Irish words, colloguing in her delightfully natural way with high and low, farmer and beggar-woman, piper, harper, fiddler, and ballad-singer,

marchioness and milkmaid. She was indeed here, there, and everywhere as an organizer, lecturer, speaker, collector. She disappointed the Atlantic, because she came back safe across it after an Irish Folk Song raid into the States; but unlike Oscar Wilde, she was not disappointed with it. She thoroughly enjoyed her journey, and brought back rich spoil from the Hudson collection for our Folk Song Journal, which she edited first in conjunction with Mr. Herbert Hughes, and then practically single-handed up till the time of her death. Some might object that she did not polish her literary and musical periods sufficiently as a speaker, writer, and composer; but that was not in her nature, and it is very doubtful, had she done so, whether she would have produced half the good work she did. But she had an undoubted vein of melody and a natural literary gift, and what she has left behind in the way of music and writing might be so harmonized and adapted as to give a further pleasure to lovers of music and musical literature.

There was a homely spontaneity about her speaking which was so delightfully disarming that she made friends of the severest critics; indeed she made friends wherever she went, and her generosity to brother musicians, from whom she never locked up her Folk Song stores, was quite unbounded. If by her go-ahead action she occasionally plunged members of the Committee into financial embarrassment by the expenses of a Concert, they always came up smiling from the temporary submergence. For she not only had "a wonderful way with her" in getting new friends to become members, but in inducing old ones to "pay the piper." And if her precipitate proof-reading of literary and musical MSS. occasionally reduced us precisians to despair, her intuition as to where to go for Folk Music, and her Irish knack of coaxing it out of the most difficult custodian, made her worth her weight in gold to a Society like ours.

Miss Milligan has pointed out to us very plainly what was the dearest object under heaven to her sister—the preservation and perpetuation of Irish Folk Music. Surely, then, the best tribute, the highest honour we can pay to her memory is to devote ourselves in her spirit to the collection and popularizing of that Folk Music which Sir Hubert Parry (our chairman's distinguished father-in-law) has characterized as "probably the most human, most varied, and most poetical in the world."

ALFRED PERCEVAL GRAVES.

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- 2. The objects of the Society are (a) the collection and preservation of the traditional music of Ireland, and the publication in a Journal of such specimens as may be deemed advisable; (b) the dissemination of useful information on this and relative subjects by means of the Society's Journal; (c) the promotion and encouragement, by whatever means may appear desirable, of the practice and culture of the national Folk Music of Ireland.
 - 3. The membership of the Society is open to all interested in the subject of Folk Song.
- 4. The Officers of the Society are a President, Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, and an Honorary Financial Secretary.
- 5. The business of the Society shall be managed by a Committee consisting of twelve members who shall be elected annually, and form definite sub-Committees as follows:—Executive, Entertainment, and Publication. The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than three additional members, and to fill up vacancies which may occur in their body in the course of the year, provided that the persons proposed to be added are nominated at one meeting of the Committee, and unanimously elected at the next meeting, a week's notice of the election of new members being given. Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum. Not more than three of the members who are not of Irish nationality shall serve on the Committee.
- 6. The Committee shall have power to make bye-laws, to arrange for lectures and meetings, and to take other steps for carrying out the objects or guarding the interests of the Society, provided always that the General Rules be not contravened. The Committee shall, for the abovementioned purposes, be at liberty to dispose of the funds of the above Society. The election of Vice-Presidents, of Members and Hon. Members, the filling of vacancies in the auditorship, and all matters relating to the business of the Society, shall be in the hands of the Committee.
- 7. Members upon their election shall be required to remit their subscriptions to the Financial Secretary within one month from date of election.
- 8. The Annual Subscription to the Society shall be Five Shillings, payable in advance on the 1st of January of each year. The Subscription for Life Members shall be Five Guineas. The names of members who are more than twelve months in arrear with their subscriptions, and to whom three notifications requesting payment have been sent, shall be removed from the books of the Society.
- 9. Members desiring to resign their membership must give notice of such intention, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary fourteen days before the end of the year, failing which they become liable for their subscriptions for the following year. Members who leave the Society, or whose names have been removed from its books, shall not be entitled to have their subscriptions or any part of them returned.
- 10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January, on a day appointed by the Committee, a week's notice being given to each member. At this Meeting a Committee for the ensuing year shall be elected, and a Report and Balance Sheet, showing the position of the Society on the previous 31st December, shall be submitted. At this Meeting, two members of the

Society who are not members of the Committee, shall be elected as Auditors of the accounts of the Society for the ensuing year. Six members of the Society shall form a quorum.

- 11. The election of the Committee shall be conducted by show of hands. No person shall be eligible for nomination, and no member shall be capable of voting, nominating, or seconding, whose subscription for the current year has not been paid. In event of there not being more candidates than vacancies there will be no election, those nominated being declared elected, and if there be a less number of candidates than vacancies, the candidates will, as before, be declared elected, the remaining vacancies being filled up by the new Committee.
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PREFACE.

In making this collection of Western Folk Songs I think it well to state at once that until very recently I had no intention of offering them for They were noted down by me at intervals during the past ten or twelve years, partly to satisfy my own longing to acquire an accurate knowledge of the airs, partly also with the intention of doing something to encourage and popularize Irish singing in the schools and Gaelic League Branches in my immediate neighbourhood. When I came to live in Tuam, some fifteen years ago, I had already formed the acquaintance of members of the Hession family of Belclare (beside Tuam) at different Feisanna, had admired the beauty of their singing, and I regarded myself as fortunate in being brought into such close proximity with them. I soon realized that their singing was merely typical of the district to which they belonged, and that I had discovered a rich field of song practically untouched, but in imminent danger of being lost through indifference and neglect. The work of reviving and fostering it was pre-eminently that of the Gaelic League, and the subject was discussed at several meetings of our Gaelic League Branch. programme we outlined for ourselves was a rather ambitious one, and perhaps somewhat premature, and though so far it has failed of full realization, chiefly for lack of sufficient encouragement from those who should be primarily interested. it may be useful to state here what we purposed doing. project of starting a school for traditional music was in the air, and we were convinced that the place for starting it, as in the case of the Gaelic Colleges, should be the centre of an Irish-speaking district where the traditional music still survived. Tuam is the centre of an Irish-speaking district with a wealth of traditional music on every side of it; then why not interest the advocates of a school of Irish Music in the claims of Tuam? With this end in view we decided to hold a series of open-air competitions ("Aepijeacta") throughout the district, at which prizes would be offered for the best singers, and by means of which we should be able to ascertain the material

at our disposal. The prize-winners were to be invited to Tuam when the aemigeacta were over, to give an exhibition of their talent before a selection of Irish musical experts representative of the whole country, with whom the decision was to be left as to the advisability and means of establishing therein a school of Irish Music. The project of starting the school has never materialized, chiefly for the reason I have stated; but the holding of the competitions brought me into touch with many native singers, and was the first genuine fillip in forming my collection of songs. In speaking of help and encouragement in our efforts, I should like to express here our gratitude to Mr. Edward Martyn, who gave us a generous subsidy for years, and took the keenest interest in cur work.

I have said that the collecting and registering of the songs has been a pleasure to me, but the work was not always easy, and it required a certain degree of diplomacy. My husband's profession, however, which brings him into close contact with the people within a ten-mile radius of the town, made matters easier for me than for most people, and tided me over many The older people who have the songs are often shy of initial difficulties. singing them; they feel somehow that their singing is out of date, unappreciated. The children coming home from school with their little anæmic school songs, the youth with their music-hall inanities, combined with the recent introduction of the gramophone, are gradually ousting the popularity of the native music, and the effect is clearly noticeable in many Irish-speaking districts. Perhaps, however, it is less true of this neighbourhood than others, for the country people, as a rule, have a good spirit and will not readily give up their language. Their only fault-and of course it is the most serious of all—is that they are neglecting to speak it to their children, and are thus severing the one link that binds them to their rich traditional past—severing it for something which they will certainly find incomparable to the treasure they will have lost. But even in this matter I think I notice already an improvement; and the proffered encouragement of our new Archbishop and the priests of the district will doubtless soon have a decided effect. wholesome tradition handed down by such men as the great Archbishop Mac Hale, Canon Ulick Burke, and John Glynn-all giants in the language movement-still prevails, and the memory of their efforts must always serve as a stimulus to workers in the Gaelic revival.

And quite apart from these human influences there is another of a material yet romantic kind which I must not omit to mention. The

proximity of Knockma—the home of Finvarra and his fairy host—must ever be an inspiration to work for the revival and preservation of the folk-music and folk-lore of the Tuam district. There is not, I suppose, in the whole of Ireland another place figuring so largely in the realm of traditional song and folk-lore in general as this comparatively insignificant hill of 552 feet. Its summit is occupied by a huge cairn dating probably from the dawn of history. For the benefit of my Tuam readers I shall quote the description of their famous hill given by Sir William Wilde in his "Lough Corrib" (now out of print).

"'Cnoc mesos' (Knockma), the great 'hill of the plain,' so conspicuous in the landscape, is about five miles to the west of Tuam, in the barony of Clare and County of Galway; its northern slope is occupied by the woods and cultivated grounds of Castlehacket, the seat of Denis Kirwan, Esq.; and on its summit stands the great cairn within which tradition and ancient history say Ceasair, one of the earliest colonists of Ireland, was interred. Perhaps we do not err in assigning to this ancient burial-place a date anterior to that of any other identified historical locality in Ireland; and hence tradition, as well as popular superstition, has thrown over it the investiture of fairy legend beyond all other places in the country; for here Finvarra, the Oberon of Irish sylvan mythology, holds his court. From this point may be obtained one of the grandest panoramic views in Ireland:-the great plain stretching beneath and around Knockroe; the beautiful Abbey of Knockmoy; the towers and city of the Ford of the Kings; the Tuam of St. Jarlath; the Round Tower of St. Bennan; the ruined keeps of the De Burgos; the ships riding in the Bay of Galway; the Slievebloom and Clare mountains; the blue, island-studded waters of Lough Corrib; and in the far western background, the Connemara Alps, with their clear-cut edges, and their sides momentarily varying in tints from the marvellous atmospheric effects of that region stretching round by the Partry range to the lofty peak of Croagh Patrick; and in the extreme north-western distance the bulky form of Nefin, and even some of the Achill mountains skirting Clew Bay."

Sir William Wilde wrote out of profound knowledge and a wide and generous understanding. We have had other distinguished visitors to the neighbourhood, notably Thackeray and Sir Richard Burton, whose father was born here, who have not been so appreciative; but they came and went seeing only the surface of things.

I have spoken so much of Tuam, because it is here most of this collection

was made, and I wished to show the influences which have helped, and will continue to help, in keeping the native language and music strong in the district.

And now I must tell how I collected and registered the songs. It was an easy matter once I knew of a singer to get him to call and see me the next time his business brought him to Tuam. Many a pleasant evening have I spent thus—evenings which I could see my visitor also enjoyed, for he was always as enthusiastic as myself, singing and remembering the old songs.

It was my practice to listen to the whole of the song first, then to write down one or two verses, and learn the air on those, paying particular attention to phrasing and tempo. Afterwards I had to hear the whole song again until I was satisfied that I had caught both the air and the emphasis on the words exactly as the singer rendered them. With the simpler songs this was sufficient. I then played it over, wrote down the notes, assigned the words to them exactly as the singer gave them, and finally barred it according to the emphasis. This I found the most difficult part of my work, for in each case I had to give first importance to the words, as the singer himself does. To him the air is only the medium of conveying pleasantly to his audience the story he has to tell, and he will even frequently break off in the middle of a fine phrase to explain some difficulty in the verse.

For the more difficult songs a second or third visit was necessary, and some I had to hear many times before I ventured to write them down.

With regard to others I myself was the visitor, my trips extending from the slopes of Mwaoilrea, overlooking the Killeries, where I listened to Subán oe búnca singing of far away Murrisk, down to the little Irish-speaking village of Tawin on the southern borders of the Co. Galway.

The songs most popular still in Connacht are those of the poet Raftery, who died in 1835. It is really wonderful how this poor blind fiddler poet has set all Connacht singing for the past hundred years, and is likely to continue so doing as long as the language lasts. I have been enabled to give eight examples of his poems through the kindness of Dr. Douglas Hyde, who allowed me to use the versions given in his collection of Raftery's poems, published in 1903. As the book is now out of print, I have thought it well to give the complete version of each song'as published by Dr. Hyde. One of his most popular songs, which I have not given, is the "Dean an fin Ruano"; but this air is almost too well known, and has already been printed in the Rev. P. Walsh's excellent collection of Southern Songs, as "An Capaillin Dán." (See Cnuapaco beas Ampán, Part III.)

Thus after some years I found myself in possession of a goodly number of songs hitherto unpublished, and I determined to make a selection of what I considered the best, and to submit them to the judgment of such experts as Rev. H. Bewerunge of Maynooth, and Dr. Charles Wood, of London. From them I derived many useful hints as to the proper barring of the airs and the modes to which they belong, and received strong encouragement to proceed with their publication. The final decision to publish this volume is due partly to the urgency of those musical friends, partly to the committee of the Irish Folk Song Society, who offered to bring out the book, but more especially to the Rev. Dean Malachy Eaton, of Maynooth, who assisted me from the beginning, and very kindly took upon himself the whole burden of correction and translation and seeing the book through the press. He tells me that in the work of translation (which, by the way, was done merely to meet the wishes of the Irish Folk Song Society) he had the assistance of numerous helpers, and that they do not ask for any thanks from me. The knowledge, apparently, that they may have been instrumental in saving even a few of the old songs is sufficient recompense for them.

I have not considered it advisable to load the pages of the work with grammatical or topographical notes, or to give alternative readings in verses where the singers themselves differed. These I should deem suitable to a text-book, but entirely out of place in a musical volume which I have primarily intended for popular use in the schools and Gaelic League classes of Connacht. For the same reason I have purposely refrained from including in the volume any learned treatise on the old musical modes or on Folk-Music in general.

I have only to thank the many friends who have assisted and encouraged me in the work, the collectors and publishers who have kindly given me permission to use their songs, and more especially the many courteous, generous native singers whose names appear in the volume, and to whose delightful gift of song I gladly attribute whatever charm the book is found to contain.

For myself, the feeling that I have been enabled to follow, however humbly, in the footsteps of such pioneers in the field of Irish Folk Music as Bunting, Petrie, and Joyce, is ample gratification.

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No. 10, p. 15. The broken note should be "Middle D,"

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No. 56, p. 102. In last bar of 5th line the 2nd "D" should be "E."

TEXT.

Page 22, verse 7, line 6, for "thortroe" read "thortroe".

Page 28, verse 2, line 2, for "mú" read "mú".

Page 35, verse 1 (translation), for "Breaffey" read "Breaghwy".

Page 30, verse 1, line 6, for "láime-e" read "láime".

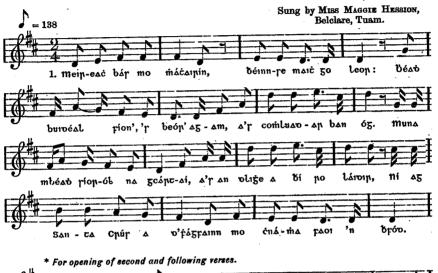
Page 55, verse 1 (translation), line 3, for "sweep" read "weep".

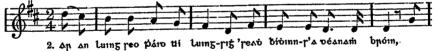
Page 66, verse 1, lines 1 and 4, for "leansb" read "leanb".

Page 126, verse 5, line 4, for "carpleán pinne na Mileada" read "Carpleán Roinne-Maoile".

Page 127, verse 5, line 4 (translation), for "the castle which the Milesians built" read "Renvyle Castle".

1.—connode muițeo (i). (THE COUNTY OF MAYO.)





As ornaisil ing an oroce, a'r as gionsol 'pa

Anoir o vallat m'inneleace a'r me i brav om' muinnein,

Όρη m'fipinn' gup lágad a caoinfinn-re Connode thuigeo.

3. Agur liortáil mé le "Sergeant," mo cheac!

tuz ré Leir anonn mé vo'n frainne azur vo'n Spáinn:

tus ré sunn' an láith dam, 'sur claideath rad' d'n Spáinn,

'S nan fil mé réin so mb'feann rin na Connoae Muiseo. 4. To ocazaro enoc na equarce an cuarte ag an aill moin,

To ocazaro an común Luacha az buacailleace na mbo,

Το υταξατό Cnoc néifín an bono 50 locéinne, ní ηξαργατό mé 50 h-éas leat, a connoae muigeo.

5. Tá Cnoc na Ceachaman Caoile riampamail go leon,

Tá ceanca 'zur coilig phaoic ann, 'r 120 ag reinnm ceoil,

τά ubla blayca buibi'ann, τά γμθαρία αρ δάηη πα χεραού απη,

's cá géimneac bó 'r laog ann, ag cifeacc féil' muine móin'.

^{*} The remainder of the air as in verse 1.

TRANSLATION.

1. Were it not for my fond mother's death, I would be in good cheer; A bottle of wine and beer I'd have and the company of maids: Were it not for constant drinking [quarts] and the law that was too strong, In Santa Cruz I would not leave my bones beneath the sod. | 2. On this ship of Patrick Lynch I used to be in grief, Sighing in the night-time, ever weeping in the day: Now since my mind is clouded and my people far from me, In truth, 'tis kindly I'd lament my county of Mayo. | 3. I enlisted with a sergeant, my torment and my woe! He took me with him o'er [the sea] to France and to Spain. A gun he gave me in my hand and a long sword from Spain, And sure, I thought that better than the county of Mayo. | 4. Until Croagh Patrick hill shall come on a visit to Aill More, And the little bunch of rushes go a herding the cows; Until the hill of Neiphin come aboard ship to Lough Erne, I will not part from thee till death, my county of Mayo. | 5. The hill of Carrowkeel is a pleasant place [to see], The grouse and their mates are making music there; There are sweet yellow apples and berries on the branch tops, And cows and calves a lowing there when Lady Day is nigh.

I owe many of the songs in this book to the Hession family. It is famous in Irish-speaking circles. It consists of father, mother, and nine children, all equally proficient in song and story. It is many years now since my little schoolgirl friend, Maggie, used to come in to sing me her Irish songs. She is a dignified young lady now, in charge of a school near Spiddal, where she still continues her good work for the Language, both in her National School and in the Irish College.

She often told me of her grandmother, who was a celebrated singer, and from whom the family learned all their songs. It was the grandmother's father, Pat Greany of Arddrumkilla, who composed the songs, "Seάξαι όξ μα Cιαμουδάιη," No. 12, "Διημάπ πα Μιπε," No. 13, and "Όσετύιη Jennings," No. 26, of this Collection.

This song has many variants, both words and air, and is popular throughout Galway and Mayo. James Hardiman in his "Irish Minstrelsy," vol. i, p. 337, says it was written by Thomas Lavelle, a native of the island of Boffin. A translation appeared in the "Irish Nation" over the name of George Fox. I have been told, however, that Lady Ferguson claimed it as the work of Sir Samuel Ferguson, but that, as George Fox had a hand in it, it was allowed to appear over his name. The translation certainly shows a master hand, and I have given it with the second version of "Connose murgeo," with which it corresponds.

Another version is given by Professor O'Maille, U. C. Galway, in his "Ampain Claime Faction," p. 5, consisting of twelve verses. It is there stated that the author was one Caiptin bruadap.

For other versions see:—"Gaelic Songs of the West," by Michael Timony, p. 57; "Ceól Sroe," edited by Norma Borthwick," p. 41; and "Clámpeac na nzaeveal," No. 35 (words and air). The English words by George Fox are set to the air," "Billy Byrne of Ballymanus," in "The Irish Song Book," p. 93, edited by A. P. Graves, and an arrangement of the same song is given by Herbert Hughes in his "Irish Country Songs," vol. ii.

The words of the second air are taken from "Clanpeac na naciocal," No. 35, published by the Gaelic League, and the air is as the singer, who is a native of Bekan, Co. Mayo, learned it from his father.



- 2. An uaip a maip mo cáipre ba bpéat mo cuio óip,
- D'ólainn Lionn Spáinneac i Scothluadan ban

mùna mbéad ríon-ól na gcánca 'S an olife beit nó láioin,

- πί 1 Sanca Chuz o'fágrainn mo cháma rá'n Βρόο.
- When I dwelt at home in plenty and my gold did much abound,
- In the company of fair young maids the Spanish ale went round.
- 'Tis a bitter change from those gay days that now I'm forced to go,
- And must leave my bones in Santa Cruz far from my own Mayo.

3. Τά ξασαιδηί πα h-άισε γεο αξ έιμξε ηδ πόη

ró chovada a'r ró hair-bag zan tháct an báclada bhóz.

> Oá mainead domra an Ianuil Deunrainn díob cianac

muna mbéad gun ταξαιη Όια com beit i χοιαπταίδ τά δηόπ.

4. Dá mbead Pádpais Loclainn 'n-a lapla an lapuil so roill,

bpian oub a cliamain'n-a cifeapna ap Ouacmon.

> Aod oub mac Thiada 'n-a coinnéal i TCliana,

1γ Δηηγη δέαδ πο τηιαίλ-γα 50 Connoae τημιξέο.

3. They are altered girls in Irrul now, 'tis proud they're grown and high,

With their hair-bags and their top-knots, for I pass their buckles by:

But it's little now I heed their airs, for God will have it so.

That I must depart for foreign lands and leave my sweet Mayo.

4. 'Tis my grief that Patrick Loughlin is not Earl in Irrul still.

And that Bryan Duff no longer rules as lord upon the hill,

And that Colonel Hugh O'Grady should be lying dead and low.

And I sailing, sailing swiftly from the County of Mayo.

3.—mullac mór.







- 2. An an Sleib o'n oilinn, read bionny mo man-ra,
- 'S ní cooluigim oroce, act ag véanam bhoin:

'Si com na caoin' i, 'r méana mine,
Déal tanaire, aoidinn, a'r meall ri a lán.
Act ba thuag' liom uaim tú 'rna gleanntaid uaigneac'

ná ceileaban clúcinan 'r ná ceol na n-éan:
'S 50 mbreánn liom 50 món-món a beit rínce
ruar leac

ná amnám luacman' ó clannait Jacocal.

- 3. Δ'γ cé γάτ πο δυαδαρτα πας δρυιζιπη ceao cuaince
- go ori an baile uo cior ann a bruil mo

Τά 1m an uaċτan, a'r mil an luaċnaib,

A'rı στάτ an rɨögmain a bior na ba t'á mblea
ţain.

bionn báibin Laois ann, bionn bpic 'na Luise ann,

- a 'r an eala aoibinn an an loc, 'r i ag
- 'S vá mbéinn pátac chíonna béat mo faitbhear véanta,

Azur ceao rince le mo muinnin bán.

4. A cuiltionn péacac, an bruil tu ag éir-

le zac aon puo a bruil mé a páb? Oá mbénn 'mo cléipeac in aon céapo v' Éipinn,

leac an meio pin, ni féadrainn pspiob'.

ni ba, na caoinis, a bi me a' fanntusao,
act an cailin cumarac a bi lan de meon,
'S an maisdean muinte of cionn na cuinte,
a beappao posar dam as tis an oil.

It was the evening of St. Brigid's Feast Day,
I went to a wake down at Mullagh More:
My love I saw there, and my heart's torment,
The freshest beauty that eyes beheld.
My soul was slain there by you, my fair love,
Nor wine nor whiskey can give me rest:
And a heart once careless will break with
yearning,

If it find not refuge in your white breast.

2. To the far off mountain my thoughts fly countless,

And I sorrow all through the sleepless night.

Ah! slender her waist is, her fingers graceful,

And her sweet mouth lures with bewitching

smile.

The glens are lonely, and miss you more than The cloistered choirs of the feathered throng, And my heart desires more to be beside you, Than all the raptures of Gaelic song.

All day I mourn that I cannot go there,
 To visit my love 'mid the pleasant meads;
 'Mid cream and butter and hives of rushes,
 And milking cows in the autumn eves.
 'Mid young calves leaping and trout in the streamlets,

And a lake where white swans proudly glide; And though I wished for a miser's riches, I'd stretch content there with you beside.

4. Head proud and haughty, hair crowned and faultless!

Oh, hear me calling, for pity hear.

Were I a scholar renowned for knowledge,
Not half so much could my passion speak.

'Tis not for kine or for flocks I'm pining,
But a comely maid of capricious mind,
Beyond court ladies, in whose embraces
A solace deeper than drink I'd find.

I have heard that the author of this song was one Dominic Cosgrave (Corsμac), but I do not know anything of him. I think Mullac Móμ is the place of that name in Co. Sligo, although there is a Mullac Móμ near Tuam, once one of the strongholds of the O'Kellys.

For other versions of this song see Professor O'Maille's "Ampain Claimne Saeceal," No. 15; "Gaelic Songs of the West," by Michael Timony, p. 21; also Céao ce Ceólcaib Ulao," by Énni ó Municeara, pp. 50 and 216.

I wrote down another version from Pat O'Neill, Drumgriffin, near Annaghdown.

I have appended to this song a metrical translation, kindly done for me by a distinguished friend whose modesty will not allow him to have his name appear. A few other metrical translations, which I have thought well to insert, are from the same gifted pen.

4.—a ógánait uasail. (Oh, Gentle Youth.)



- 2. πυαιρ α ειριξιπ-γε αρ παιοιη, 'γε πο ραιοιρ πο σεόρ,
 'S πυαιρ α Ιυιξιπ-γε αρ πο Ιεαδαιό, δίπ ας ογπαιξιί ό! το πόρ,
 Τά ξρύας πο είπη ας τυιτιπ α'γ ας ιπτεαετ ό! παρ απ τεο,
 'S τυρ Ιε ευιπαιό πόρ 'νο σιαιό, α γτόιρίη,
 πί δείο πέ ι δραο δεο.
- 3. Τός ται ο me mo reól τα το σύιτε e seo τεα σ το σου αρ mαισιη, Αρ συαιρε συις mo mile τεοιρίη, 'η το σου σου η rillpead adaile.

παό cuma liom σέαρο δέαρτας αοπουίπε πυαίη παό ποέαρταιδ πο ξηάδ ταις. αός πά 'ς γιπη-ε α ρυζαδ δ'ά céile, γεαραιδ έιρεαπη πί cuipreaδ εαδρατηπ.

4. δ' τελην τιοπ τελη λη τόξηλιη, τά λη τόξηλιη 'γ λη ελημαίξ:
'δε α δαιητελό όλη λη εόρηλ, α'γ α σόιμεδο όλη λη εόρηλ, α'γ α σόιμεδο όλη λη εόρηλο.

πίτε δ' τελην τιοπ δυλολιτίτος,

πυπα μετόσιξελο γε αστ πο τελδαίο,

πά γατόδηκας δεόιησε δ' τάξαιτι το σοιγείδ te rean-δαιπτικαδαίς.

TRANSLATION.

1. Ah! gentle young man, where slept you last night? On the side of your bed, and you heeded me not. Did you know my affliction, not a wink you'd have slept, 'Twas your bier going the way, left this pang in my side. | 2. When I rise in the morning my prayer is a tear. When I lie on my bed 'tis sadly I moan; My hair is now falling, and going like the mist, And through grief for you, darling, I shall not long live. | 3. I will hoist my sails for Joyce country at early morning, To visit my thousand treasures, and home I shall never return. What matters to me what any one says, when my love says not a word? But if we were born for each other, all Ireland would not separate us. | 4. I would prefer a useful man, in autumn-time or spring, Who would cut for me the barley, and tie it up in sheaves. I'd far prefer a young boy, were he only to make my bed, Than the riches of George in coaches, along with an old widower.

For another version of this song see "Gaelic Songs of the West," p. 30, by Michael Timony; "Δήμάιη Člainne Kaedeal," by Professor O'Maille, p. 92, v. 2, and p. 99, vv. 4 and 5; "Δη τιγεός," an Ulster song-book by Conncad o Seancais, p. 5, v. 2; also "Δη Γιδίη," by Δη Κημακαίο Όλη, p. 10, v. 4.

There are two airs, Nos. 1571 and 1572, given in the "Complete Petrie Collection," which are evidently meant for another version of the same song.

5.-50 OCASAIO AN NOOLAIS. (TILL CHRISTMAS COME.)



2. Το βρόη αρ αι ηξράο γεο, 17 ξαίρα oubac é:

vitás ré mo choice boct com oub leir an ngual,

Agur v'rag ré mo ceann bocc gan riú an unnya céille Agur m'ıncını aenac ag éalugað uaim.

TRANSLATION.

1. Till Christmas come in the middle of summer, Till I make a swift race through the depths of Loch Reagh, Till the shamrocks shall grow on the boards of my coffin, No part of your fond love will fade from my heart. | 2. My grief on this love! 'tis a mournful disease. It has left my poor heart as black as the coal. It has left my poor head without one ounce of sense there, And my light airy spirit departing from me.

Although I made exhaustive inquiries, I could not find any other verses of this song, nor does it seem to be known to any one but the Hessian family.

6.—caisteán uí néitt (i). (CASTLE O'NEILL.)



- 2. A curte 'gur a carree!

 ní rétoin so ocus cú dom cúl,

 Cá mo cumann leat péto [6],

 'Sé mo léan séan man connaic mé cú.
- 3. Τά πα ξάιγοιπί 'n-α δράρας, Α πίλε ξηάδ ξεαλ, ό σ'ιποιξ τύ μαιπ; Τά πα h-αδαιπη' αξ συλ λε τάπαιδ 'San άιτ 1 δράραδ δλάτ συιλλεαδαμ 'na ξομασδ.
- 4. Nion cualar ceól clámpige
 'Oul an c-rnám reo, ná ceileaban na n-éan,
 ó v'imhig mo gháb uaim,
 Cúl áluinn, go Cairleán uí néill.

- In Castle O'Neill
 An enchantress has changed me with spells,
 My doom be declared
- My heart-beat, my treasure!
 From me you have hidden your face.
 Our love-time is ended,
 My grief! that my eyes on you gazed.

If ever I court her again.

- The gardens are waste-land,
 Bright love, since you fied from the bowers.
 The rivers are straying,
 Dead leaves strew the beds of the flowers.
- I hear no harp's music
 On the street nor the piping of birds,
 Since vanished the beauty
 To Castle O'Neill, whom I loved.

This song seems to be equally well known in the provinces of Munster and Connacht. There is a fine version given in the second part of "Poets and Poetry of Munster," edited by Dr. Sigerson (Émeannac), p. 82.

The above version was given me by the Rev. M. J. Conroy, P.P., Kilmeena, Co. Mayo, and he told me he learned it from an old woman in Connemara.

Nos. 7 and 8 are Tuam variants of the song. It is interesting to note the change from bean (in all the other versions) to buscattin (in No. 8).

For other versions see "Love-songs of Connacht," by Dr. Douglas Hyde, p. 22, vs. 2 and 3, p. 26, v. 5; "The Irish Review," June, 1912; also "Céaro ce Ceóltaib Ulao," p. 76.

An air of this name was printed by Bunting in his first volume of airs, 1797.

7.—caisteán uí néitt (ii).



- 2. Πί ba, caoιμιζ, πά ζατίπα α ταππτυιζ πέ leat παη τρηέ, ατ πο τά láith ταοι το ceann, Μαη τη τά chaob áluinn az Caipleán uf πéill.
- 3. Tá an gáipoin reo 'n-a rápac, A mile gnát bán, agur mire liom réin. Tá an t-uballtóinin reo ag rár ann, 's an blát bán an bappait na gopaot.
- 4. Ace vá bréaveá a cun 1 gcéill vam, Deaman a b' réivin liom covlav go ciúin ; Ace appaing ó invé ap An cé a cuaiv 'cun ivin mé agur cú.

- My heart's love, I'm calling,
 In the young summer days let us speed Away down to Tirawley
 Ere morning spreads dew on the fields.
- No dowry I hope for
 Of sheep, or cattle, or lands,
 But my two hands supporting
 Your head like the clustering branch.
- The garden is waste-land, Bright love, and lonely I keep.
 One apple-tree waves there,
 White blossom is strewn on its leaves.
- 4. Ah, if I heard you calling,
 No quiet of sleep would I know.
 But sorrow befall him
 Who came between you and my soul.

The following version of the song was written down for me by Mr. Michael Diskin, N. T., Milltown, Tuam, from Simon Steed, Milltown, but I failed to get the air from him:—

- Tá an gáipoin reo 'na fárac,
 A mile gnáo geal 'gur a cuirlín mo choroe.
 Tá an ubaltoin ag rár ann,
 'S an blác bán chí bappaib na gchaob.
- Δ άμτο απ τ-γαοξαίλ 'γ α απηταέτ!
 τοτύγ απ τγαιθημετό πό απ πελιμαιγγεά λιοπ γέπη,
 Απαό γίογ γά πα ελεαπηταίδ,
 Δ'γ βέαὸ πιμιο απη γιλ ο άλαθημιξεαὸ πα h-éin.
- 3. 1r an hallaid an tige inóin
 'Sead 'comnuigeannr 'r a cooluigeannr mo
 gnád.
 A ramail ní'l i néininn,
 Act an péalt eólair bí an an mbail' údaig
 tall.
- 4. Mion cualato mé cecl na Ecláspreac as sabáil an c-rnáro reo mos buo binne ná a béilín, cúl álumn bí i Ecairleán uí néill.
- Δ'r ní ba, caoinis, ná samna,
 Δ míle γεόιρίη, a fanncócann leac réin man γρηέ,
 Δἐσ mo bá láim raoi bo ceann-ra,
 'Sur ceao cainne' leac so mbuailribe an bó béas.
- 6. Azur cuinim-re léan zéan zo h-éaz An an cé bain viom mo zháv; Ana! nuaiz mé é zo Sarana An áic a nvéancan an vuine vub bionnr bán.
- 7. Τά long an an gcéib reo, A'r béanraid rí mire do'n Spáinn; Agur má fillim anuar go h-éag, Béanrad réinín abaile ag mo gráð.

- The garden is waste-land,
 Love, that quickened my pulses with pride:
 One apple-tree grows there,
 On its branches the blossom is white.
- Oh, come from the castle
 With me when the summer is born,
 Afar through the valleys,
 Ere bird-song has startled the morn.
- But I cannot follow
 My love to the halls where she shines
 A bright star of knowledge,
 Whose equal no sage has descried.
- No minstrelsy joyful
 Of harps I heard going the street,
 So sweet as her voice is,
 My love, that's in Castle O'Neill.
- 5. And I ask for no dowry Of cattle, or sheep, with my bride, But my two hands around her, And converse of love in the night.
- 6. But sorrow betide him Who stole the desire of my soul: 'Tis my wish I could drive him To exile on Sassenach shores.
- 7. On the quay there is riding
 A ship that will bear me to Spain:
 I'll sail to the wild geese,
 Forgetting dead passionate days.

8.—caisteán uí néill (iii). (CASTLE O'NEILL.)



- 2. Tá an gáipoin reo i n-a fárac, a mile gháb bán, agur mire liom réin. Tá na póraí ag rár ann, ir bheágta vá braca tú apíam. Ní cluinnrean ceól cláipreac Oul an t-rháid reo ná ceól binn na n-éan Sup éaluig ré tap ráile, Chaob áluinn go Cairleán uí néill.
- 3. Ó 17 1 5 Cairleán ui néill
 'Cá an péanla bain víom-ra (ó) mo fháo,
 50 ocus mé réin rpéir vó,
 'Sé mo léan séan, 'n san-rior vo'n crluat.
 As ceallac cite móin
 'Sead vo comnuiteannr asur cooluiteannr
 mo fháo;

- A ramail ni'l le rágáil Act an néalt eólair 'tá 'an an mbaile úbaig tall.
- 4. buổ milye liom vo póigín
 ná an nóp a čaganny an bláč,
 A'y le cumaið món i moiaið mo próinín
 ní mó ná go gcooluigim réin cháč.
 bliaðain a'y an orðée apéin
 'Seað vo péab na capaillib an rál,
 Aguy cuaið mao ve léim,
 'Sé mo leán géan, amac my an ynám.
- 5. Hi'l cuile oá méao nac noéanann real camall an cháit; ni'l ann acc lucc bhéat, Azur ní réioin nac brillrio mo tháo.

1. A hundred farewells to last night (Oh, alas!) That this night is not still quite new, With the sportive young swain Who would coax me so nicely on his knee. Since you made me refuse (you) Oh, darling! my love is not yours; But a hundred times pity, The hills stand between me and you. | 2. This garden is grown wild, My fair love! and I am alone. The posies now grow there, The finest that ever you saw. No music of harps will be heard Going this way, nor the sweet song of birds, Since he stole away over the sea The fair branch to Castle O'Neill. | 3. Oh! it is in Castle O'Neill Dwells the pearl that took from me my love; To him I myself gave affection, Unknown to the world, 'tis my grief! 'Tis at the hearth of the big house My love has his dwelling and sleeps. His like there is not to be found, The star of knowledge in that town beyond. | 4. I would think your little kiss sweeter Than the rose that springs from the bud. And with loneliness after my love I hardly can sleep at all. A year ago unto last night, The horses burst out through the hedge. And they went of a leap, Alas! out into the flood. | 5. There is no tide, howe'er great, But it comes in a while to ebb, They are all only deceivers, And it can't be but my love will return.

9.—tuas az zort a' carnáin. (UP at gorthacarnaun.)



2. Hi frubaltaro mé nior mó an na bóichib reo agaib-re, act tógraro mé mo feólta amac raor na rléibtib. Ólfaro mé mo bótam Dia Domnait, 'S ni béro mé an meirge, man fúil go brátainn blar oo póigín 'S tú mo rtóipín, a blát na rinne!

 Tá mo gháb man blát na n-áinne bíor ag rár i bcúr a' t-ramhaib, nó man na raoileáiníní bána bíor ag rnám an na gleanntaib. nó man béad spian ór cionn Cánnáin inr na rnáide as sabáil ciméeall, ir man riúd a bíor mó snád bán as déanam nábailte chí m'intinn.

4. Éineócaió mé i mbánac le páinne an lae glégil,

a'r véanraió mé mo óeag-nár

Amac raoi na rléibtib.

rágraió mé mo beannacc

Ag mnáib vear an traogail reo,

A'r veaman a brillió a baile óiom,

To mbió an bapp ag clannaib éineann.

TRANSLATION.

1. Above at Gorthacarnaun Lives a fair Irish lady, And he who will get her from her mother, Must be a kindly lover. And my fond heart gave love to her, With some infatuation; But she abandoned me for the tailor, The weakling of the men of Erin. | 2. And I shall walk no more on These rugged roads of yours; But I shall hoist my sails And speed me towards the mountains. I will drink my fill on Sunday, And yet I will be sober, In hope of tasting your little kiss; For you are my treasure, my fair blossom. | 3. My love is like the sloe bud That blooms in early summer, Or like the snow white seagulls That poise above the valleys. Or like the sun o'er Carnaun, Dancing in the street around, So does this bright love of mine Keep roving through my reason. | 4. I will rise to-morrow With the dawning of bright day, And I will make a swift race Out around the hills. And I will leave my blessing To the fair

maids of this world, And never will I return home, Till Erin's cause has triumphed.

I have not been able to identify the place "Gorthacarnaun" (= the field of the little carn) which gives the title to this song. Though from the root origin of the word there must be many places of the name throughout the West, the singer was not aware of any such place in her immediate neighbourhood.

Some years ago, in looking over newspaper cuttings belonging to the late John Glynn of Tuam, \hat{I} came across the following fragment. It was taken

from a paper called "The Irish American," and was headed: "Gleanings from the Island of Inismain":—

" eroin b'-l'-áta-an Ríog a'r Uanán
Tá ghianán ban éineann
'S an té a geobaró i ó na mátainín
nan lágat i le bhéagaó
man tug mo thorde gháð ví
le páint ve'n vít-téille
a'r gun eulaig rí leir an táilliún
an nanuile an rean bhéagac."

The similarity of the lines to the opening verse of our song is manifest, and suggests to me that possibly "Gorthacarnaun" lies somewhere between Athenry and Oran(-more).

10.—máir' ní tríobta. (Mary Griffin.)



rsan mé le Ceann Sal - ú - na nó so ο-cáin-15 mé 'rceac 'ran nóo.

2. Oá breicteá-ra báo clainn' Conncada

5ac lá dá dteifead rí cum reóil,
plúcrad rí an fainnse
A'r ní fliucrad rí ceann reóil.
béad túr an 'cuile fála aici,
Oá dtisead an lá món,
A'r so ndíolrainn mo luictín móna,
A'r mé as cómpád le mo rcón.

3. mo thác i máip' ni thiodea,
'Si duo mine ná na mná,
map 'pi náp cut apiam an thome com
ace an duivéal a'p é deie lán.
nuaip a filinn out vá ioc léi
ni céanac pi ciom ace theann,
a'p ni ptappare mo thác-pa coice léi
to oci an oice cap éip mo báip.

4. If 10mba pin maroin Ootinait
Di mé rútac vear to Leon,
At vul ríor le mo luictín móna
A'r tá cúnra an an reól món,
Níon téill mé aniam vo mún an bit,
Oo tála ná vo ceo,
Nó to veetteat mé a' cainne le plún na mban
Di nomam 'ran mbaile món.

5. Nuain a initeótar mé ar an tín reo,
'S nuain a tíbheóttan mé 'ran mbát.
Nuain a taitriú mé oitite i Maoinir
Ir úa oitite an an Tháit-báin,
Siubailriú mé tant i Libentí
Ir anonn raoi Conndae-an-Cláin:
A'r mana bpóraiú máin' ní thíobta mé,
Ní fillriú mé to bnát.

TRANSLATION.

1. Oh! the love of my heart and my soul are you Beyond all that live, For it is you who saved my life for me, On that day as the storm arose. I had two reefs tied, And a tight grip on the sail, And I did not ease off Golum Head Till I entered upon the road. 2. If you were to see Clann Donnach's boat, Each day it went to sea, (How) it would breast the (strongest) wave, And never wet a sail, She would be in advance of every gale, However rough the day, And I would sell my load of turf, While talking with my love. 3. Oh! Mary Griffin is my true love, More tender she than all, For 'twas she who never gave me a glass, But the bottle brimming o'er. When I'd think to pay her for 't, 'Tis she would mock me fairly, Oh! my love for her will never decay Till the night of death's passed o'er me. 4. It's many's the Sunday morning I was jolly and light-hearted, Going down with my little load of turf, With two reefs upon the sail. I never yielded to any shower, To a gale or to a fog, Till I came to talk with the flower of maids, Who was before me in the town. 5. When I betake me from this shore, And am driven from the boat, When I spend a night at Mweenish, And two nights at Trabane, I will walk across by the Liberties, And over through County Clare, And if Mary Griffin marries me not, I'll never return again.

I have known this song for many years. I heard it sung for the first time with great spirit by a young girl from the Claddagh, Galway, in 1902. Since then I have heard it frequently from others: Bridget Forde, Sylane, Tuam; Maire Cuniffe from Tawin, Galway; and Maggie Hession, Belclare, Tuam. It is not known in this district, and is evidently a Connemara song, although an inferior version of the air is known here, and sung to the words of "bean an c-Seanouine," No. 18.

Professor O'Maille has kindly sent me another version of the song, also from Connemara, entitled "ὑμιξιο τίζ Λομέλ." Though in doubt as to the English equivalent of the name, I have called it in the translation "Brigid Geary." Dr. O'Maille in his notes to the song says: "The name is pronounced τίξ Λομέλ, the latter part of which may equal Λούλιμε (= shepherd). I got an incomplete version from Mr. Pat O'Donnell, Newport, and he has also 'ὑμιξιο τίξ Λομέλ,' but he spells it 'ὑμιξιο τί ζυιόμλ.' One might expect a corruption of 'πίς τιόμη' (Maguire), but such corruptions rarely occur."

The places referred to in the songs are nearly all in the neighbourhood of Carna, Connemara, e.g. Meenish, Trabane, Ardmore, Golum Head. The "Liberties" referred to are the Liberties of Galway, and "an baile móμ" is Galway town.

britio ní's aorta.

1. eigean: "Azur cait mé an bliadain inultaid leat
man bí mé óz zan céill,
do do meallad a'r do do cealzad,
a'r do do déanam amac dom
péin [= réin].
bí dhoc-mear azam an c-Iamily,
azur neam-cion eile 'am opt

Agur go veimin ní pórra mire čú So bráža cú cuilleam rpné."

2. 1γε: Céau γιάπ σοπ ξειπητελύ τη-υηλιύ,
Αξυγ πά συτη ορπ λοπ δηέας,
Όσαπαπ αη συτη πέ δ' γιογ ορτ
πό 50 υσάπης σύ υλιτ γέτη.
δ' γυηυγολ ύλιπ-γλ γελη λ γάξάιλ
λ ζίλος λύ ίτοπ 5 λη γρηέ;
Τόις νο γεοι λ' γ δί ' ζ τιπτελού,
Αξυγ δέλυ γλοι ξηάγτο θέ.

3. Céad plán do bliadain 'pa caca peo, ní man pin a bí mé péin, bí mo dpoide dom meangad Leir an éinín an an gchaoib. má říleann prao sup carllead mé,

Deaman baogal an bic onm pein,

Azur bár nán ráza mé corócin nó zo mbí mo cleamnar néro.

4. ειγεωπ: mo ξηώο τά, α δηιξιο πίζ Αρητα

> 1r tú an piệ-bean tạp na mhá, Níop lạpp mé aplam an chaizín opt Nac Líonrá Liom an cápt. Nuaip a filinn a bul b'á íoc leat Ní béantá bíom ac gpeann;

Α' τηί γχαρτα πο όμπα όοιθός leac 30 οσί απ ξειπρεαό 1 ποιαιό οο δάιτ.

 Agur 10nnróca mé an Gleann Όίροας leac, Síor man v'imteocat an báo reoil,

> So océió mé an na Líbertí Agur ar rin go ocí an Cháig Bán.

rilleað an m' air anior dom béið mé orðde i n-Uaddan áno, a'r má þórann bhigið ni'z donda uaim ní fillre mé zo bháð.

6. Ir 10 mòa maioin Oomnais
 bí mé riamramail mais so
 leon,
 A'r an ceastrama lá ve'n fosmar
 bí spí súpra in mo reol móp.
 níop séill mé apiam vo múp ap
 bis
 Oá vúince vá mbéav ceo,
 To rona a beis i bpáirt le plúp na
 mban,
 Opisiv Vómnaill 'ran áiro
 thóip.

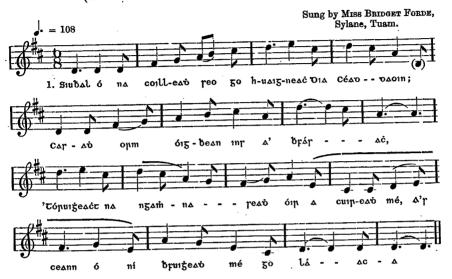
7. tre: Asur seamhaid amad mo cónha Oe fion-rsoid a'r de ceap na sclán, A'r má cá Seán Ó Cadain 1 Muis
inir
biod ri deanca ó n-a láim.
biod mo coc a'r mo pubin innci ircis,
A'r i 50 pó-dear an mo ceann,
A'r 50 bruil chiún ban dear raoi
fléibcí
le mo caoinead or cionn
cláin.

A'ran ouilleabanglar ag rár.

TRANSLATION.

1. I spent last year with you, For I was young and foolish, Coaxing and beguiling you, And trying to make you mine. I had poor esteem for your family, And a want of love for you, And, indeed, I will never marry you, Till you get a larger dowry. | 2. A hundred farewells to last winter, And do not belie me, Never did I send for you Till you came of your own accord. It would be easy for me to find a man Who would take me without a fortune, So hoist your sails and go away, And I shall be in God's grace. | 3. A hundred farewells to this time last year. 'Tis not thus I used to be, My heart was as mirthful As the little bird on the branch. If they think that I died, There's no fear at all of me, And may death never seize me Until my match be made. | 4. My love are you, Brigid Geary, You are the queen above all women, I never asked the naggin from you, But you filled me out the quart. When I thought of paying for it. You only made fun of me, And my love for you will never depart Until the winter after your death. | 5. And I will head for the Straight Glen with you, As the sailing boat would go, Until I come to the Liberties, And thence as far as Trabane. On my return back again I'll be a night in Oughterard, And if Brigid Geary marries (another) from me, I'll ne'er return again. | 6. Many a Sunday morning I was merry enough, And on the fourth day of Autumn I had three reefs upon the sail. I never yielded to any shower, However dense the fog, Anxious to unite with the flower of maids, Donal's Brigid in Ardmore. | 7. And cut out my coffin From the choicest block of wood, And if John Keane is in Meenish, Let it be made by his hand. Let my hat and ribbon be within, Placed nicely on my head, And let three pretty women from the hills Keen me when laid out. | 8. O, there is a pain within my breast That would kill a hundred men, And I am sure and certain That my cure cannot be found. How sad to be parting with you now When the fine weather has begun, Since the cuckoo has commenced to call, And the green foliage to grow,

11.—seolaó na ngamna 'sa brásać. (DRIVING THE CALVES IN THE PASTURE.)



2. Tá chainnín caontainn paoi bun ó na coilteat reo,

A'r betomuro le ceile zo lá bán ann, betomuro 'n án ruide le bánad zeal na maione;

'S žeobaid cú na Fainna ing a' brágas.

3. Bennim mo mallact to maonait na coilleat reo,

'Siao a v'fág annyeo le rán mé; m' acain 'gur mo mácain so bhónac 'ra mbaile,

1η του τοιμε ατοπ τεαέτ τη α λάταιμ.

- 4. Anoip a próipín, ó tá tú ag imteact uaim, 'S ó tápla nac tú 'tá i noán dam, Seo duit póigín ap Bapp mo cuio méapa, A'p a próipín, mo cúis céad plán leat.
- 5. Cailín óz mé a puzaó leir a' bropcún, Acc rainíon nac paid ré i noán vam.

Fuain mé reannail 50 h-ó5 inr an mbaile reo, man feall an mac ui máille.

- 6. δ' τεάρη Liom 50 πόρ-πόρ α δειτ τροττά, πό τόιξτε ι τεειπητε επάπια, πά 50 τειιδραίπη Le τάταπ το Δοπ πάτα πάταη 50 π-οιζτιπη διατάτη το ράιττε.
- 7. Cuinead mo cailín 'na rearam inr a bpobal,
 Αξυς τυξαδ απ leadan i n-a laim ví,
 δ'έιξεαπ νί ταδαιητ ταοι τάταπ ταδαιητ,
 Le ταιτίος το τουιρτύε ας απ άιτ ί.
- 8. Δ δεαξάτη μί thaille, ταη τητα α baile Liom.

 πά δίου εὐταιλεμέτ ομε τεκέτ τη πο λάταιη.

 'S 50 υσο υσο αρίγ πί ματαιύ τὰ ταη τάιλε πυαιη α γειτρεαγ τὰ υο λεαπό ζυγ α πάταιη.

1. As I walked through this wood last Wednesday, A young maiden met me in the waste-land, Searching for the calves I was, such was my errand. And one of them I would not find till morning, | 2. A little quicken tree there is, at the end of this wood. And we will be together till the day comes. It's up we will be, with the bright peep of the morning, And you will find the calves in the waste-land. | 3. I give my malediction to the herds of this wood, It was they that left me here a wandering. My father and my mother sorrowful at home. And I without a chance of coming to them. | 4. So now, my darling, since you are going from me, And that it is not you who are destined for me, Here is a little kiss from the top of my fingers, And five hundred farewells to my treasure. | 5. I am a young maid born with a fortune, But alas! I am not fated to enjoy it. In this town, while yet young, I was brought into disgrace. And all through the son of O'Malley. | 6. To have been hanged I would very much prefer, Or to have been burned in a bone fire. Than to give the satisfaction to any mother's son. That I'd rear for one year his offspring. | 7. My girl was put standing before the congregation, And into her hand was put the Bible, She had to undertake to make due reparation, Else from the place she'd have been banished. | 8. Oh, Shane O'Malley, come you home with me; Oh, come to me and have no shyness; And never again will you go across the sea, When you see your own baby and its mother.

For a variant of this song see "Irish Popular Songs," p. 51, by Edward Walsh.

Petrie has two airs of this name, Nos. 1529 and 1530, taken down by him in Clare in 1864.

The following version of the words were written down for me by Mr. Michael Diskin, N. T., Milltown, from Simon Steed; but I was unable to get the air:—

- 1. O'éinir mé amac an maioin Cannair Ar mubal (6) na coillean 'r mé ro ránac, Cé carraine onm act an óir-bean maireac, 's bí a béilín tanaine 'r é ar ráinin.
- 2. Ο γιατρινή πέ τένη οι το σέ αη δ'αγ ουιδε Πο τοισέ 'η σίη δεαπηνιτέε α οσάνητη τί αγ, Αστ αη τόρινιδεαστ πα ηταπητά, τεαδ, συγη πέ πο δαιδίη,
- Δχυς ceann (ó) ní θςυαιη ςί το lá aca.
- 3. 'S cá chainnín beag caoncainn an lúibín na coilleac,

Agur canna uait liomra go lá ann, béid ceolta binn' na n-éan dan ríon-cun a coolad,

agur ouilleadan na gchann, 'r é man rgác onainn.

- 4. Τά τοιί γαορόα αξαιπη ό παορέαιο πα coillead.
- An réan rágail úiobta go lá Act le bán bán an láe béiúmuio réin 'nan rearain
- 'S reolfamuro réin na Samna 'ra brárac.
- 5. 'S τά απ γεαπ-μέις απ α coille σαιπχεαπ, 1γ έ ιγ σόιξ lιοπ το διμιὶ γέ σύιτεας, [Δέτ απ τόμιτοεας πα πταιππα γεασ συιη πέ πο cailín,
- Agur ceann ní bruain rí 50 la aca.]
- 6. 'S tá an rean néic an a coille daingean,
 'S tá ré le bliadain i ndiaid mo cailín,
 Act má tá ceant an bit le páfáil inr an áit
 reo 'bruilim-re,
 Dainrid mé réin díolaideact ar a chámaib.

7. benjim-je mo beannace oo maoneaib na coillead,

Ο' τάξαι b mé le τυας αξυτ le τάπαι b.

Τα mo φαιφε ' τ mo maime το bhonac 'mo

φιαιό τα mbaile.

מיף ni'l בסיף בבבה בפבב ו n-a neadap.

ace ó bí vo coil réin leir, a reóin, rill abaile,

Seo bánn αζυς mo cúιζ·méana ouic.

9. Oá mbéidinn-re féin man bí me anunaid, Sin é bliadain 'gur an c-am reo, Suidrinn ríor an colba do leabta, Agur d'ólfainn buidéal ríon' le mo cailín.

TRANSLATION.

1. As I walked out one morning in the spring, And rambled through the wood quite carelessly, Whom should I meet but a comely young maid, Whose mouth was finely formed and a-smiling. 2. I (myself) asked her whereto did she belong. Or what blessed country did she come from. And searching for the calves 'twas there I sent my girl, But one of them she didn't find till morning. | 3. There's a little quicken tree at the angle of the wood, And you'll come along with me there till day dawns. The sweet song of the birds will lull us there to sleep; And the foliage of the trees will be a shade for us. | 4. We have the kind consent of the keepers of the wood To get from them the grass until the morning. With the bright peep of dawn we'll be up and on our way, And we'll drive the calves out in the pasture. | 5. Now the old rake is secure in his wood, And my opinion is that he's revengeful; But searching for the calves 'twas there I sent my girl, And one of them she didn't find till morning. | 6. The old rake is now secure in his wood, And for a year he has pursued my girl, But if justice can be had in the place in which we are, From his bones I will exact reparation. | 7. My malediction I give to the herds of the wood Who left me to suffer cold and hardship. My daddy and my mammy grieving sore at home, And I 8. Ah! bright love of my bosom, do not be dismayed, without a chance of coming near them. You've done only what your mother did before you; And since it was your own will, return home, my treasure. See, I salute you from the top of my five fingers. | 9. Were I only now as I was a year ago, That is just a year from the present time, I would sit down and rest on the stock of your bed, And would drink a bottle of wine with you, my girl.

12.—seaჭán ότ μα ciaroubáin.

(YOUNG JOHN KIRWAN.)





- 2. It thuait hom bean an "major" a't the thuait hom i na thait tin, a't non nair hom to headat than choite ata'n-a lán.

 Man it i a caill an péanla

 Oe fion-thot na réinne,
 a cum caol tava tléteal,
 's ni bhéasa' cá mé a' nát.
- 3. Vi bupcait atur blacait atur seamar na valait, rion-reot croide mo maitirth, at rion-rilead deón, vi iarlai atur citeannai at ruil lead man cliamain, act, a cruic meada rástan so rion tú tan rean riadac na rpóinc.
- 4. Oá breicteá-ra an cúpla an maioin bneág onúcta ag mubal thío a bréan glar a'r a gculait leo ríor; act ní reicríoean coioc' an cúpla rhé céile an an oúite reo, Conntao 65 agur a cú leir 1 n-aonnaic 'ra ngleann.

- 5. Τά πα h-éclipp αη πα τρέαμταιδ, Αξυρ του πόρ αη πα η έαλταιδ, Τά απ " majon" τροιδο, πο πάιξητη, Αξ ρίορ-ήιλεαδ σούρ. Αότ το σταταιδ απ ημαδ-ξέιππεα Αρ διαιλτίδ πα h-έιμεαπη, Τά τύπα πόρ αρ έιμιπη, Α'ρ έαξπαιρ ι ποιαιδ σο δάιρ.
- 6. Ir rava raipring i vo búitce, a'r v'ápur a'r vo cúint geal, a'r tá míl-beac ag giorgað raoi bappaib na mblát.

 To cuiv eachaide a'r vo cóirte a bí ruaigte le h-óp buide, a'r vá mbéinn im' fean raipnéir ir vear a béaprainn tú ó'n mbár.
- 7. Tá vo nuav-culait pórta
 'Teate a baile tha tomnait,
 A'r clarpini ve'n ón buive
 An vo comnainn geal cláin,
 Atur notannaí na béabenr
 an vo thoilive(?)bneát gléteal,
 [act tá cuma món an éininn
 atur éatmair i noiaiv vo báir.]

1. At noon on a Sunday, The young man died. It was a doleful story For many men and women; And if weeping would bring us any good, From it we'd never cease; But, my little John, it breaks my heart That you're laid within the coffin. | 2. I am sorry for the major's wife, And I pity her twice again, And I should not think it shame for her If she tore the heart within her breast. For she has lost the pearl, The true stock of the brave; His form slender, tall, and fair, And there's no lie in what I say. | 3. There were Burkes and Blakes, And James O'Daly, The true stock of my master's heart, Copiously shedding tears. Earls and lords, Expecting you as a son-in-law; But Knockma, you are left for ever, Without huntsman or sportsman. |

4. If you were to see the couple, On a fine dewy morning, Going through the green meadows, And their robes flowing down. But never again will the couple be seen Together in this place, But only Dennis and his hound Alone in the glen. 5. The heavens are eclipsed, And a great mist on the stars, The dear major, my master, Is ever shedding tears. But till the great lowing comes, On the cattle pens of Erin, There is great sorrow in Ireland, And a void for your death. 6. Your estate is long and spacious, And your mansion and bright court, And honey bees are humming Round the tops of the blossoms. Your steeds and your coach Inlaid with yellow gold. And if only I were a wizard, 'Tis gladly I'd snatch you from death. 7. Your new marriage suit Is coming home on Sunday. There are clasps of yellow gold. On your bright boarded coffin. And rosettes of beavers (?) On your bright shining hearse (trolly?). But there is great sorrow in Erin, And a void for your death.

This lament was composed by Pat Greany, and sung to me by his great-granddaughter, Maggie Hession. The occasion of its making was the tragic death of young John Kirwan of Castle Hacket, Cnoc Mexox (Knockma), Tuam. His younger brother succeeded to the estate, and it was the latter's daughter who married the late Mr. Percy Bernard, son of a former Protestant bishop of Tuam. In ancient times the surrounding country was ruled by the O'Flahertys, who, in the twelfth century, were driven out by the De Burgos, and these in turn suffered confiscation after 1642. Finally, about that time it was bought by Sir John Kirwan, a member of one of the "tribes" of Galway, whose descendants are now in possession of it.

There is another version of this song in "Ampain Claimne Faccest," No. 12.

Petrie gives two variants of the air Nos. 1297 and 1298.



- 2. δί γιαν ας τεαότ ι n-α υτηέαναιδ, αςυγ πεαρτυιή γιαν γκέαλ απη καό λά, πι όμηγεαν απ ρηιοπηγα κημαίπ αμ διό ιπ α έαναη,
- πό ξυηθ ταιμγιης mac để an til adaim
- 1 γ 6 απ " παίοη" α διοπηταί απ ιπόσο γεο,
 α' γ α διοπάιπ μαιό γξέαλ 1 πξαδ άιτ.
 " κογξίμιξιό γκοιμί πα h-έιμεαπη α' γ πα λειξιό πα ξαεύι δοδε' όμη δάιγ.
- 4. Romnigro min in-a scéadcaib Asur cuipisio ruar "crane" i mo "yard" Asur rás as lucc ríbin an péadan, An pinda, man déince, 'r an cánd."
- 5. nuain a táinic an gonta go h-Éininn, seat to pheab choite na féile i bpáint, tromáin uait long faoi n-a feóltaib 'S í lán te'n ón buite agur bán.
- 6. ni'l ré 1 zcúiz cúizib na h-éineann A ramail bean an "majon" le rázáil, man dá ríon-rzod na h-uairle an búncac, nó a bruil an flioct clainne nizce ar an Spáinn.

- πά ταξαπη τουτός σοξατό πό εξαπραη,
 Οιηγεαπαίο σαπραη τη εποσ πεατά,
 Οίδης δέστημο πα επαίπεαιξ 'ε πα εράππιξα αξυς ευτοκόταπαιο λε h-έτημη το δηάτ.
- 8. Tá an "majon" agur áno earbog tuama
 Ag iméeace anonn uainn gan moill,
 Siúo an phionnra man leanar an cúpla,
 man tá minon se. Seonge in ác-cinn.
- 9. Tappainzéocaid plad cuca na h-úzdaip, azur cuippid plad cuaipe aip zan moill. Déid chuie an an zcailliz paoi luzhap azur mála món plúip an a dpuim.
- 10. Τά δράξαὸ πυτο μετὸτελε ό'n ձη τοίξεληπα,
 πί ιλημικού πυτο ιλητίκει το δηάς,
 παρουιξελός λη ελέγλοι τι ιλητράτηπ,
 λός λη τρηλέλη παη διαλλαίο λ'η λη ελέγη.
- 11. Τριαπ α δειό ταοη σε πα τιαδαίδ Σαπ ιαο ό'α π-έι ι ι ι το τά απ δηάς', αδο πιπ τάξάι ι ποειρεαό πα διιαδια, αξυς για αξαίδ π'ι αργαιό πά τάξαιπ.

1. We will give a blessing to the major, Himself is the manager in truth; It was he who snatched from death the hundreds, And would not let the poor Irish die. | 2. The people were coming in their crowds, And they increased in numbers every day. The prince would not put a frown on his face, Until God's Son was bountiful to mankind. | 3. It was the major who arranged for all this, And sent out the message everywhere: "Open up the storehouses of Ireland, And let not the poor Irish die. | 4. Let ye distribute meal in hundreds, And set up a crane in my yard. And leave to the shebeen-folk the pewter, The pint as an alms, and the quart." | 5. As soon as the famine came to Ireland, His kindly heart throbbed with good-nature. He sent off a ship in full sail, And it filled with yellow gold and silver. | 6. There is not in the five provinces of Ireland The peer of Mrs. Major to be found, The Burkes, the true flower of our nobility-Nor among the descendants of the Royal House of Spain. | 7. If war or dissension ever comes (amongst us), We will put up a camp on Knockma; We will rout the French and the Spaniards, And we will guard Erin for ever. | 8. The Major and the Archbishop of Tuam Are setting out from here very soon; There is the prince in whose train they follow, That is, Minor St. George, in Headford. | 9. They will draw to them the nobility (authors), And they will pay him a visit very soon; The hag will have a hump on her by August, And a big bag of

flour upon her back. | 10. If we could get settled with our landiords, To great riches we never would aspire. A ride on a horse I would not ask for, But the straddle for a saddle, and a car.

11. To be freed from a third part of my debts, And never again to have them asked for; To get meal at the end of the year, Thère's my request, if it's granted.

This song also was composed by Pat Greany. The Major Kirwan here referred to was father of "Seasan óz," and it is told of him that, during a famine, probably about 1820, he distributed meal among the needy at his own expense; and for his generosity the poet is here praising him.

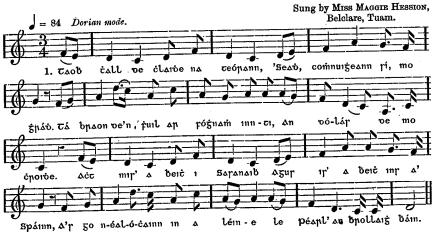
This Major Kirwan, whose portrait hangs in the hall at Castle Hacket, is still more celebrated as being the owner of a famous racehorse called "The Friar," and the employer of an equally famous jockey, known still amongst the people as Seaghan Boy. The skull of "The Friar" is preserved, and hangs yet upon one of the walls of the Castle; and if the story be true, this tribute to his memory is only a fitting reward for great benefit conferred, Between racing and betting the Major's affairs had been reduced to a very low ebb; so desperate indeed were they, that his whole fortune depended upon his luck at a coming race at the Curragh. Would "The Friar" be equal to the task expected of him? And, would Seaghan Boy be able to lead him to victory? Alas! as the time of the race drew near, the poor jockey was "taken sick and like to die." Another man was chosen, but with small hopes of success, for "The Friar" was "tricky," and no one understood him The state of poor Seaghan Boy at being left so well as his accustomed rider. behind was pitiable, but, making an almost superhuman effort, he called for a pint of whiskey, wrapped himself up, and, travelling by quick stages, he managed to arrive on the course as the race was about to start. Mounting "The Friar," but not knowing in what mood he might be, he said to Mrs. Kirwan as he passed, "If I have the whip in my mouth at the first round, bet your carriage on him." He passed; the whip in his mouth, and-"'twas a famous victory."

No one believes, however, that Seaghan Boy was able to do this unaided: he had the help of Finvarra and his fairy host, who have their dwelling in Knockma, and, of course, as they say, "he would have won the race even if it was a pig he was riding."

There is no monument to Seaghan Boy, but his memory is green among the people; and on the slope of the hill there is a field still known as Friar Park, where the noble horse spent the last years of his existence in peace and contentment. This air is evidently a variant of that noted down in Ulster, and adapted as "The Lover's Curse," by Mr. Herbert Hughes, in his collection of "Country Songs," vol. i.

The "Apo Carboz Tuama," mentioned in the song, is Archbishop Trench, the last Protestant Archbishop of Tuam; and the reference to Minor St. George is to Mansell St. George, of Headford Castle, Co. Galway.

14.— TAOB tall be claibe na teórann. (BEYOND THE MEARING WALL.)



- 2. 17 chuais san mé i mo mainnéalac nó i mo caipcín an luins nó mo pópaí bneás sléseal an bann na máise rlinn'. Póspainn i asur bnéaspainn í, 'S í péanla an cúil vuinn, 'S a ciseanna! nac vear an réinín í Oá n-éaluiseac rí liom.
- 3. Šeall mo šnáð pppé dom,
 Céad asur mile bó,
 Asur šeall ri in-a diaið rin
 So ndéanrað ri dam tead món.
 Na ba a beið as séimnis
 A'r na laosanra a beið 'diúl,
 'S a þéanla an dnollais slésil!
 Ir leat a leis mé mo nún.
- 4. Tuam émiseanne an sealac
 'Sead esparar an smian,
 'S bliadain sur lá i mbánac
 A bí mé 'riubal na nsleannea pian.
 'Sé d'iampirainn an Ris an Domnais
 muna maininn beo ace mí,
 í feólad ordee an Lóireín
 an unlán mo cise.
- 5. Sian coidce(n) má téiteann tú,

 Tadain mo míle beannact uaim

 As a maintid beo do saoltaid

 man bidír lásac liom.

 man bí mé ós fiamramail

 Asur dúil sam inr a' rpóint,

 Act andir ó tá 'n pórad déanta,

 mo beannact coidce(n)leir an agr ós.

1. On yonder side of the mearing wall My love dwells. She has in her a drop of the gentlest blood. The affliction of my heart! Were I in England, And were she in Spain, I'd fly with her without dowry, My pearl of the white breast. | 2. A pity I'm not a sailor, Or a captain in a ship, And my beautiful white flower, On the top of Mauslinn. I would kiss her and coax her, She's the pearl of the brown hair. And oh! what a sweet reward 'twould be, If she would fly away with me. | 3. My love promised me a dowry, A thousand and a hundred kine. And she promised me, in addition, That she would build me a big house. The cows would be a lowing, And the little calves a sucking. Oh! pearl of the white breast, With you I left my love. | 4. On the rising of the sun, The moon disappears, And a year ago to-morrow I was walking down the glens. I would ask of the High King of Heaven, Were I only to live a month, To lead her for one night's lodging Within the floor of my house. | 5. If ever you go westwards, Take a thousand blessings from me To all my living relatives, For to me they were (always) kind. For I was young and airy, And partial to every fun. But now since my marriage is over, Farewell to the companions of youth.

These words were taken down by me from Pat O'Neill of Drumgriffin, being sung by him to the air of "Μάηιε ni Croim." The air here given I got from Maggie Hession, who sang it to the version given in "Διημάιη Claime Sacocal," p. 113.

15.—CIOCFAIÓ AN SAMRAÓ. (THE SUMMER WILL COME.)



2. Tá 'n orôce peo at reaptainn, a'r 'ta ri ruan,
A'r 'tá ri at luige le mo opuim to chuarò.
Caitrió mé i 'r ni nacaró mé cun ruain
To n-euluigeao tap ráile le m' tháo coir cuain.

3. An chác céigim-re rior cuiz ceac an oil, ir onc-ra vo rmuainigim a inile rcon.

Dá noéantá oo feallamaint map bí tú 'náo,

Béad tead món againn agur reilm bheág.

4. ni'l mo gnáo-ra oub, agur ni'l ré buide, ir riú é vo ceangail le hón an niog.
'Tá dá láith geal' aige a'r leaca min',
'S ni'l nórai a refunia ann du'.

'S ni'l pórai 1 ηξάιροίη παη ξηάο mo choroe.

TRANSLATION.

1. Summer will come, and the grass will grow, And the leaves will come on the tops of the trees, My love will come at the bright dawn of day. And will play me a tune as he well can do. | 2. The rain pours down and the night is cold, It presses upon me so harsh and severe; (Yet) I will endure it and will not go to rest, Till I fly o'er the sea with my love near the bay. | 3. When I go down to the drinking-house, Of you I am thinking, my thousand treasures; If you'd keep your word, as you said you would, We would have a big house and a spacious farm. | 4. My love is not black, and he is not yellow, He is fit to be girded with the gold of the king. He has two white hands and smooth slender cheeks, And no flower's in the garden like the love of my heart.

The above version of this song was given to me by the late John Glynn, of Tuam, and was published by him some years ago in the "Tuam Herald." I am indebted to Miss Maggie Hession for the air.

For variants see "An Unreóz," p. 7 and p. 11; "Love Songs of Connacht," p. 28; Joyce's "Ancient Irish Music," p. 19.

The following interesting version of the song was given to me by Mr. Martin Burke of Abbey, Tuam, Mrs. Hession and Miss Mary Conway:—

 Τιοτραίδ απ γαθηκά αξυγ τάγτρα το απ τέαη, Α'ς τιοτραίδ πα συιλλεαδαίη αη δαργιαίδ πα ξοιλοδ.

Ciocraio mo gráo-ra le bánao an lae, a'r reinnrio ré pont a'r ir tiz leir é.

- 2. ni'l mo gháo-ra oub agur ni'l ré buive. 1r riú é vo ceangail le hón an níog. Cá cúm caol cailce aige ir méana mín', A'r ni'l póraí i ngáinvin man gháo mo choive.
- 3. Tá tead leanna ing an mbaile úpait éall, ing an áit a gcomhuiteann(g) mo múighnín bán.

Τά bean eile αίζει περείπ α τά láin;
'S πας bruil fior ας το εροιόε τρείς ευρ εράτοε ατάπη.

- 4. 17 chuait san mire 1 mo maitoin óis, 17 chuait san mire 1 mo maitoin óis.
 1 mo maitoin óis ní béid mé 50 deo nó 50 bráraid ubla an adapeaid bó.
- 5. Ir chuais san mire 'r mo mile rcón Inr an áic nac baosal coide nó so deo, I scúise laisean nó i sconndae cláin nó an bónd luinse as dul so ameiniocá.
- 6. Μο δηόη αρ αη δράτρησε, τρ ί 'τά λάη, τρ ί 'τά ας συλ τοιρ πό 'ρ πο πύτρητη δάη. Stubleατό πιγε σλεαπικά ασυρ εποσάτη άρο', Ασυρ σεαπάπ γεαρ α βόγραρ πό δο δράτζιδ πό δάρ.
- 7. Tá an oroce peo plius azup tá pí puap, Azup tá pí a' bárptiz ap mo opuim so chuaro.

- ni pačaro mire a baile 'r ni pačaro mé ap cuainc
- πό 50 50 50 του mé an οιθο' 1 mbápac le mo ξράθ coir cuain.
- 8. Τά τράο το m' ταιτι αταπ ιγείτ 1 m' τροιτέ,
- 'S ir meara tiom mo máčainín na mná a' c-raogait.
- Τρότξετό πό αη καυ ταυ 'χυς πο ἐάιρου ξαοιλ Αξυς ηαἐαιό πό ἐαη γάιλυ λυ ξραό πο ἐροιόυ.
- 9. 1η σεαγ απ buacaillín é τράο πο choroe, πας αοιδιπη σο'η ροδαί α στειτεαπη τέ τρίο. Τά γέαπ ό πιμηε αιη ατυς τράγτ ό τρίοςτ, αστ δρόη αρ π' αταιρ α μιπηε γείαδυιδε δίοπ.
- 10. A cuirle agur a cumainn geaph!
 17 lead a caill mé mo clú go bhát,
 Ag riubal coir báinte agur coillte áno,
 Act tuainirg an mo múinnín níon réad mé a
 rágáil.

1. Summer will come, and the grass will grow. And the leaves will come on the tops of the trees, My love will come at the bright dawn of day, And will play me a tune as he well can do. | 2. My love is not dark, and he is not yellow. He is fit to be girded with the gold of the king. He has a white shining waist, and tapering fingers. And there is no flower in the garden like the love of my heart. | 3. There is an alchouse in that village beyond. At the place where my bright love has his abode. He has another woman enfolded in his arms, And does not your heart know how I'm distressed? | 4. A pity it is, I'm no more a young maiden, A pity it is, I'm no more a young maiden. No more a young maiden will I ever be. Till apples grow on the horns of a cow. | 5. It's a pity that I and my thousand treasures Arc not in some place where no danger comes; In the province of Leinster, or in county Clare, Or on board ship on our way to America. | 6. My grief on the sea, it is it that is full, And it rolls between me and my darling fair. I shall roam through the glens and up the high hills, And no man will marry me till the day of my death. | 7. Damp is the evening, and chilly and cold, And it pours down upon me heavy and sore; I'll not go home, and no visit will I make Till I spend the night of to-morrow with my love by the bay. | 8. I have love for my father within my heart, And my mother is dearer to me than the women of the world; But I will forsake them and my relations too, And I'll fly o'er the sea with the love of my heart. | 9. A handsome little boy is the love of my heart. How happy for the people with whom he abides! On him Mary showers her favours and Christ His grace; But sorrow be on my father who made of me a slave. | 10. Pulse (of my heart) and my short-lived affection! With you I lost my good name for evermore. I walked by the meadows and the woods high (above me), But trace of my love I could nowhere obtain.

16.—sail ó5 ruao. (LITTLE RED SALLY.)



2. Hi'l mé act go théit lag,
hi'l gan dá féanad,
hi'l mé an aon con, act man an gceo.
'Cá ruil mo choide irtig
dá rilt 'n-a bhaontaib,
'S a dia, cé an t-ionghad i noiaid mo Sail'
oig' Ruaid'.

8. Mo ξράν, νο δέιλίη
πάρ cum na δρέαζα,
'ζυς νο méin νεας, πας μαιδ ας δεαπ le rágáil.
Το νά είς ξλέξεαλ'
Le νο λεαπδ δάπ α δρέαζαν,
α γτόιρ, πί γεινιρ λιοπ τω ταδαιρτ 6'η mbár.

1. Ab, pity me, Marv. Poor tramp in lone places. Weeping and sorrowing and making moan; And rocking my babe, My arms for a cradle, But no milk for his mouth can my money afford. 2. I am fainting with weakness, No use to conceal it, My strength is dissolving like mists that fly. From my heart in its beating Blood trickles like tear-drops, What wonder, my God! for my Sally who died. 3. Sweet mouth had my maiden, No lies ever shaping, And a manner unmatched among women for grace; And breasts white and shapely For her child's soft allaying.

But my love could not save her from death

and the grave.

Tá bpórainn
 Cáilleac fhánda,
 Tóisread a lán onm a beit as dul 1 n-a diaid.
 Act mo cailin bheáf dear
 A dus mé shád dí,
 Asur sun in a páirdín 'r ead ruain mé í.

5. 1η Δοιγ α γέ σέας
'S εαό τυαιη πέ γέιη ί,
Αη θεαη αη Lεις πέ Lέιτε πο μύη το h-ός.
Δότ α γτόιη πο όλειθε,
'S τύ σ' γάς Liom γέιη πέ,
Αζυγ όναιὸ 'γα τορέ ναιπ ι το όαιλίη ός.

6. δ'γεάρη tιοπ το πόρ-πόρ
'Μο ὑιατὸ 'γα' ρόο ί,
δειὰ αξ διεαξαπ πο δό-ίπ, πό ι πόυπ πο ἐίξε,
πά γατὸδηεαγ ἐεόιργε
Δ'γ ἐ α γάξάι τι τη τρηόιηγε;
'5 ξυη γὰοι πα γόναιδ α ἐυιη πέ ξηάὸ πο ἐριοτὸε.

Had I been the suitor
 Of a hag without beauty,
 Small wonder they'd blame me for paying her court.
 But fresh as the dew-drops,
 Was Sally, my true love,
 Who came in her youth a bride to my home.

5. Oh, was it too soon, then,
At sixteen to woo her,
Who lit in my young heart love's secret flame?
Dear heart of my bosom,
'Twas fate I should lose you,
Who slipped from me soon to your home in the clay.

6. I'd rather go roaming With you on the roadways, Or have you at home with me milking my cows, Than the king's store of gold for The dower of an old one; But alas! 'neath the sod lies my love in her shroud.

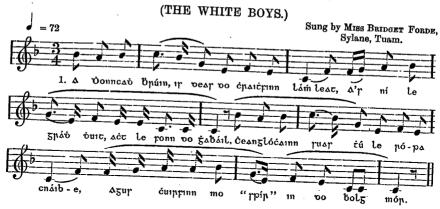
This song is known all over Connacht, and has been familiar to me in this form for many years, but I never heard this particular air from any but the Hession family. They learned it from their grandmother, each member of the family singing it with slight variations. It would seem to be based on the air, No. 17, no buscaitti bans, to which a song ascribed to Raftery is sometimes sung. I give one verse of the song as I heard it from Miss Bridget Forde, Sylane, Tuam. (For complete song see Hyde's "Abpain an Reaccuire," p. 194.)

For other variants of song and air see Nos. 71 and 72.

Some of the verses were also given me by Martin O'Brien, N.T., Belclare, Tuam; and by Mrs. O'Connell, N.T., Gardenfield, Tuam.

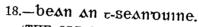
See also "Gaelie Songs of the West," p. 70.

17.—na buacaillí bána



TRANSLATION.

O, Denis Brown, 'tis nicely I would shake hands with you, And not out of love for you, but with desire to take you; I would tie you up with a hempen rope, And I would drive my spear through your big paunch.





2. 1re: bnón an mo mumnem A bór mé com h-óz:

Por riao leir an reanouine mé man teall an cúpla bó. mile b'reann tiom agam buacaillin vear og, A clocrat irread an maroin

Agur Béanrag gam-ra póz.

3. Cirean: A'r nac vear an rean 1 mbaile mé.

ni'l ouil agam 'ran ól:

Cá béar níor reann ná rin agam

Δ Βηεάχταο cailín ός.

Saochócainn anán agur racai oi,

Cnuicheace a'r eonna món. Δ'γ Δ Όια, πάη δ' τεάη η όμις ακας πέ

ná néic de buacaill óg.

4. 1re:

míle b'feánn tiom agam An buacaillín bear óg,

nac leigread cuis an airneann

mé

A'r bainibin (?) an mo bnóis. A béantao az ceac an leanna

mé

Agur v'ólrað a gini óin ; A'r nac mbéad ré com mait leat. a reanoume. nuain a béat na páirtí món?

5. Circan: má'r cailín oc'n cragar rin tú. A'r so bruit ouit agaz 'ran ot.

ir Keann a mainrear ainkead duic no po realbáinín bó.

A'r tapputhim an Ota 'r an Muine,

Mana maining beo ace blasbain To breicread at iannaid beince ċú.

A'r vó mála an vo vnuim.

6. 1re:

mile b'reann trom as rannaro véince.

A'r mo mála an mo onum, ná vo leitéiv ve řeanvumín

A beit 'ra mbaile cinn.

man filmin man' noéanca acc CATACC. "

nac mainreá bliacain beo.

A'r leig be bo curb reamráin

rearts tiom,

a fiolla an canrain moin!

TRANSLATION.

. 1. Coming over from the town of Balla, Just two miles outside Clare, Whom should I meet but a pretty girl, Seated on her saddle high? "Are you the wife of the old man?" "I am. 'tis my grief and woe. And if I were living a year with him, I would give him love no more. ! 2. Sorrow be on my people Who married me so young; They wedded me to an old man For the sake of land and kine. A thousand times I'd rather To have a nice young boy, Who would come to me in the morning And greet me with a kiss." | 3. "Am I not a nice man in a home? I have no taste for drink, And a far better trait than that I have To win a young girl's heart. I'd provide bread and potatoes for her, Wheat and barley galore (in plenty), And surely I am better for you Than a spendthrift of a boy." | 4. "A thousand times would I prefer To have a nice young boy, Who would not allow me to go to Mass With patches (?) on my boots. Who would bring me to an ale-house And spend his guineas of gold; And surely he'd be as good as you, old man. When the children would grow up." | 5. "If you are a girl of that kind. And have a taste for drink, It's short money would last you Or your little herd of kine. And I pray to God and Mary, Should I only live a year, That I yet may see you begging, With your bag upon your back." | 6. "A beggar's life I'd much prefer, With my bag upon my back, Than to have a little old man like you For ever sick at home. For I should think when you only coughed That you wouldn't live a year, So cease your nagging me henceforth, Gillie of the wheezing cough!"

This air is an inferior version of "Máin" ní Špuobča," No. 10. It was sung to me by Mrs. Hession, Belclare, Tuam. I got some of the words from Mrs. McDermot, Doogra, Tuam.

19.—netlí a caraio. (NELLY, MY FRIEND.)



2. '5 a' muine, céano σο σεαιτας mé i mbánac,

nuain nac breicread no gnád a' ceacc anian, San cuinace agam cigeace i n-a lácain, le méad 'r bí eadhainn aniam ? nuain a rmaonuisim an rúsnað 'r an sáiniðe Asur an oineac do dá lám a bí rial, cuicrid mé i lionn-dub a'r i noblár, a'r caoinrid mé so leon 'do diaid. 3. 'S σά mbénn-re 'mo turge ap 'mo leabarò Seact reactimane, párte, nó mí, 'S αση ρός απάτη α τάξάτι ό πο nellí, τός τα τ έ απο τιαπιδα α δειτ ταρτέα, πό πο τοπηα δειτ τα ξεαργαδ αξ πα γαση,

nó an maioin mo chócan ag chiall a baile, 'S na buacaillí vear' ag vul raoi?

4. Cuato mé apéip as teac an toppain ing an áit nac paid eolag opm ann; suro mé gior an ceann gtóil ann, 's di cailín veag ós le mo taoib.

Thum a granonuisim an a' ppóipt 'g an óise, blac mé so món-mait an speann, 's v'á h-aimveoin, v'an nvóis, as teac a' toppain, cuip mé an cluain in a ceann.

5. A'r buo mait an rean táige 'r rean rtudraio' mé,
bi com oear an tuaig 'zur an ráb,
Sárao na punainne o'á bualao
A cuinread an cluain an na mnáib.
bi rin inr an mbunad bud dual dom,
beit 'mo duin'-uaral com ruanac a'r atáim.
Leis de do cuid nadaineact anoir, a buacaill,
a'r tabain do beannact so buan do na mnáib.

TRANSLATION.

1. When I had risen up one Wednesday morning. (Alas! I made no sign of the Cross.) I walked between Galway and Breaffey (Woe to him who kneels not down to God). I pulled off my coat and my underwear. And let the wind blow through my limbs. When I thought again of my first love. I tore my ring-finger from the joint. | 2. But, O Mary! what shall I do to-morrow, When I see not my love draw near? And I have not courage to go to her. On account of what came between (us). When I think of the mirth and the laughter And the kindness ever flowing from your hands. I shall fall into melancholy and sorrow, And weep copious tears for your sake. | 3. And if I were lying in my bed For seven weeks, a quarter, or a month, To get but one kiss from my Nelly Would lift all the sorrow from my heart. And does it not grieve you that my grave is made. That the boards of my coffin are being measured. That my bier shall come home to-morrow Supported on the shoulders of the boys? | 4. I went last night to the corpsehouse. In a place where I was quite unknown. I sat myself down on a stool there With a nice young girl at my side. When I think on the sport and youth's pleasures, [How] I took my full share of the fun! And in spite of her, forsooth, at the corpse-house, I instilled a sweet charm in her mind. | 5. A good man I was with spade or shovel, Just as expert with the axe or the saw, A good warrant to thresh the sheaves (of barley), And the fancy of the women I could gain. My people had that in them, and 'twas kind for me, To be as little of the idler (gentleman) as I am. So leave off your chatter for the present, boy, And say a long farewell to the women.

I got the air and words of this song from Mrs. Hoban, who has helped me so much with this whole collection. This and most of her other songs, she tells me, she learned in her youth from her uncle, Martin Fleming, a tailor, who lived near Irishtown, Co. Mayo. It is manifest that the verses have been corrupted in the transmission.

For variants of this song see "Δήμωπ Čίωππε ξωσόσωι," p. 119; "Gaelic Songs of the West," p. 23; and "rion Čίωπρεως πω hémeann," p. 46, edited by the late T. O'Neill Russell. The song was taken down by him from a Mayo man in Chicago. See also "Siampa an ξειήμιο," p. 118, v. 5, and "Δη μητές," p. 10.

20.-maroin rósmair. (ONE AUTUMN MORNING.)



2. 6, busčaillín óz mé 'Tá bnat an oul a' pórao, A'r ní béantaib mé aon comnuibe To Braif me mo mian. So brillió cura a rcóipín A'r vo malaint ní pórrainn,

To rincean in ran scill mé, 'S úin ór mo cionn. 3. Ó, mire cá bhónac,

's mé az mubal chío na móince, Tá an aiphing go chom chom Az oul thio mo lán, nuain a cuimniğim an an mbócan Bi mé ag oul 'r mo mian-ra; Act tá rí ag rean eile pórta, A mic thuine, nac chuas!

rcóin - in mo čivorbe. 4. Act tá rúil agam ó Chíort(a) nac bráżaro mé bár coroce, To mbro mé 'r mo mian-pa An leabard clútac rince. ní'l mô an bič níor áilne ná an ghían an Cinn tSáile, Acc an póraí seal sléseal

ó

5. man rin a bí mo spád-ra Le zile a'r le bneágtact, Act a maigoin ciúin bainníogain, 1r leat a caill mé mo ciall. man ir mire atá ríor Leir an bpórat rin a téanath, ní čoolóčaro mé aon oroče, Ace ríon leir an mbhón.

TRANSLATION.

1. One fine dewy morning, As I set out, in the Autumn, Who should meet me on the road, But the bright love of my heart? When I gazed on her shoes, My tears began to trickle, And I asked for three small kisses From the darling of my heart. | 2. Oh! I'm a young bouchal (swain) Who thinks of getting married, And I'll make no rest anywhere Until my love I find. Till you return, my treasure No other (maid) I'd marry, Till I lie in the churchyard With the clay above my head. | 3. Oh! great is my sorrow As I walk through the low lands, The keen pang of longing Goes right through my heart, As I think of the pathway Where my love and I rambled. But, she's wedded to another, Ah! more's the pity, me! | 4. But with Christ's help

I'm hoping, That death will never take me, Till I and my darling Rest on a downy bed. There's nothing more lovely Than the sun above Kinsale, But the bright sparkling posy On the top of the wave. | 5. Such was my darling In beauty and in splendour, Ah! mild queenly maiden, With you I lost my sense. For now I am downcast Through the making of that marriage, The night has no sleep for me But grief for evermore.

This song has been recorded from the singing of Katie McGath, a young girl from Liskeevy, near Tuam. She tells me she learned it from Mrs. Connolly, who died some years ago, and who, from all I hear, must have been a very fine singer. Hardiman, in his "Irish Minstrelsy," published in 1831, attributes it to Carolan, but Professor O'Maille, in his volume on Carolan (Irish Texts Society, vol. xvii, p. 209), says it is "obviously not one of Carolan's." It is known also as "Opigio ni maitte."



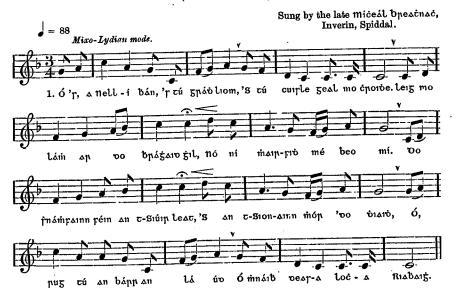
- 2. A'r buo binne liom i naoi n-uaine, Chát cait ri real ag riubal liom, ná cuac an bánn na chaoibe 'S lonoub le mo taoib. buo binne liom i ná cláinreac, ná rlúte an tailtib bána, ná ceileabain na n'eala ir áilne ag oul tan na connta rian.
- 4. Oin ir rava mé inr an áit reo,
 le bliadain móin rav' agur páite,
 A'r níon táinic mo thád an cuaint cutam,
 A'r mé an mo leabaid tinn.
 nac thuat leat mé vo mo phéacad
 A'r an annaint thid mo taoid deir,
 A'r nac rollarac raoi an raotal reo,
 Sun leis mé leat mo nún?
- 3. A'r ní buan mé ap mo řlámce Dá brázad cura, a žpád bám.
- 5. Act b'feáph Liom-ra mo mian agam Fan bó Fan punnt fan caoinig, ná raiddhear fhánda an an traogal reo 's mé a drad ó Conndae an Cláip
- A'r ni mait ná maoin ná caoinit, ná clú or comain na noaoine, ná niò an bit eile raoi an raotal reo, níon tut mé 'πιαπ αη άιπο.

1. Were I to own the Fairs' country, And it all to be together, You would be my desire if I could (have you), My share of the world, my treasure. Your two white beautiful hands, Bestowing on God's poor all around. And may the good you do live ever for you, Oh! daughter of John from the Glen. | 2. And I would think her nine times sweeter When she spent a time walking with me, Than a cuckoo on top of the branch, Or a blackbird by my side. I would think her sweeter than a harp, Or a flute in meadows fair, Or the melody of the loveliest swans, Going over the waves to the west. | 3. And I would not be long in health If you should leave me, my fair love And it is not goods, or wealth, or flocks, Or reputation before the people, Or anything else in this world, That ever I paid heed to. | 4. For I am long in this place, A great long year and a quarter, And my love did not come to visit me While I was sick in bed. Do you not pity me, perishing With the pains on my right side, And is it not clear to the world That I gave you my love? | 5. But I would prefer to have my love Without cow, or coin, or sheep Than ugly riches of this world, And I far from the County Clare.

This song also has been recorded from the singing of Katie McGath, who learned it from Mrs. Connolly, Liskeevy, Tuam. Unfortunately she was unable to remember all the words, and it is clear that those recorded are a much-corrupted version of the original. I believe the "Fairs' Country" (not the "Powers' Country," as some have understood it) is the district near Hollymount, Co. Mayo. The late Major Rutledge Fair was a member of this family.

22.-nellí bán.

(FAIR NELLY.)



- 2. Tá mbao tiom-ra popeumna Agur baite toca Riabac, tumneac gan cunnear, 's cape cimeeatt b't-á'-cliae; an oo muinnein-re a poinnrinn a teac agur bá chian, an cunnear a beic i ocuaim teac tá raoa 'gur bliabain.
- 3. Tí cainnteócainn an mo capall, an mo biallaid ná an mo fhian, ná an páincínid an faltanair (?) a mbiodmuid ann a' fiadac; ná an a ndeacaid de báid ó Sarana dan ráile le bliadain, má cainntigmid an lá úd an mnáid dear loca Riadac.
- 4. Tabain mo beannact-ra zo Connactaib, man ir ann a bíod an zheann, Azur cuzar-ra réin a żnád żił, nac breicrid mé zo bhát.
 An cómpád úd bí eadhainn Az dul andni rliab bán na dtom, 's zuhab í an csionainn món conzbuż muio a bí lán zo bhuac nomainn.
- 5. Ó 'zur chuaz zéar náp caillead mé, amuit an an rliad,
 'San áit a mbéad mo cháma
 le piocad az an briad,
 sul dan cuit mé i nzhád leat,
 a druinneall na nzeal-cíod;
 'S zo mb'feárh le do máčainín
 nad breicread rí mé 'niam.

1. And oh! fair Nelly, you are my love, You're the bright pulse of my heart; Lay my hand on your white neck, Or I will not live a month. I would swim the (river) Suir with you, And the mighty Shannon after you, For on that day you took the palm From the pretty women of Loughrea. | 2. Were I to own Portumna And the town of Loughrea, Limerick without account, And all around Dublin, Among your people I'd divide Its half and its two-thirds, For the sake of being in Tuam with you For a long day and a year. | 3. I would not speak about my horse, About my saddle or bridle, Nor of the fields of enmity (?) In which we used to hunt, Nor of all the boats that travelled In a year from England across the sea, If we should speak on that day Of the pretty women of Loughrea. | 4. Take my blessing to Connacht, For there used to be the fun, And to yourself, my bright love, Whom I'll never see again. The talk that passed between us Going over the white mountain of the thickets, And 'twas only the Shannon restrained us, That was full to the very brink. | 5. My bitter grief that I did not die Away out on the mountain, The place where my bones would lie To be picked by the raven. Before I fell in love with you, O maiden of the white breasts: And your mother too would much prefer That she'd never see me more.

I learned this song many years ago from my very dear friend Miceál breatnac, Inverin, Spiddal, who passed his brief life, first as Secretary to the Gaelic League of London, and afterwards as ápo Otlam (chief Professor) in the Irish College in Partry, Co. Mayo. I well remember the occasion on which I noted it down; it was one cold winter night on the journey back from Woolwich to London, where a party of us had gone, in our enthusiasm, to try and start a branch of the Gaelic League amongst the colony of Irishmen living there. It was late, it was cold, and we were hungry; but we were young, and our spirits were high; and the hot baked potatoes we had bought from a barrow, on our way to the station, to warm our hands, served afterwards to appease our appetites, only we had forgotten to beg a bit of salt!

We had a carriage to ourselves, and we whiled away the time in singing. This song was Miceál's contribution.

Another scene stands out in my memory, a few years later—all too few—a dreary November day on the long stretch of road, beside a grey sea, from Galway out to Inverin, where to the wailing of the pipes and the caoining of the women, we laid poor Micest to rest in his own beloved Con range.

For variants of the air see Joyce's "Irish Folk Music and Song," p. 247, and "Ancient Irish Music," p. 30. Three verses were given with translation in "An Irish Anthology," by Páopaic mac Piapair, in the "Irish Review," June, 1911.

See also "An Ceot Sive," p. 80.

Walsh's "Irish Popular Songs," p. 117.

23.—máire brún.

(MARY BROWN.)



1. Τά cail - in γρέιμεατιαί α στυς mé γρέις τοι αμ απ ξεμαίξαι



caob reo v'ean-ac dúin; a - cá a méinn maic i sclápa



- 2. Oábaint mé 'n méio reo a'r mé 'cómháo léite—
- "17 cú mo čéao-řeanc a'r cora mo řúl;
 A'r ní beo 'vo viaiv mé, a'r ná véan mé
 čnéigrinc,
- Α'r ba cóin συιτ éalógaσ liom, a máine Βηύη."
- 8. 1r cailín bheáf í a ocut mé tháo ói, A'r ní cumann teáph é má bím-re beo, Man bím to ríophuide 'cabainc míle rlán ói, A'r tá thád at a lán uiphi man 'cá rí cóin.
- 'Sιάο í an plannoóς τυαις μέτη πα h-áite, σά mear le rágail αιτι α'r τρεισεατήαιτο πόρ—

- ace o' aimbeoin máine 'beie brao ó lácain, béio rí ag an mbáine an an Cunloc món.
- 5. 'Siúo í an creóidín de minaid na tódla, ir múince mánla fabann rí an crlife, a'r a liactaife dif-fean d'iann í lé pórad man da "match" ain rófnad í lé cun i foric.
- 6. Πί ξηιύελη γί πόρυδάι πά πρελη α τός βάι,
- A'r nion rhic aon obig innce le n-a cun o'à rlige,
- Δέτ ταμ τητή πο δόπηδιτ, α δησιτέ και τολλάς,
- Jun rean Jan eolur nac ranntócao í.

1. There's a bright, pretty girl to whom I paid court, On the crag on this side of Annaghdown. Her kindly disposition appears on her face, And her bright, shining cheek like the blossom of the apple. | 2. Thus much I said when I was conversing with her: "You are my first love and the choice of my eyes; I shall not live after you, and do not desert me; You ought to elope with me, O Mary Brown." | 3. She is a charming girl with whom I fell in love, And no brief affection shall it be if I live; For I'm ever wishing a thousand blessings to her, And very many love her, for she is virtuous. | 4. She is the young plant that took sway in the place, And is held in esteem and great credit: But even though Mary is far away from me, She will be at the match in Turlochmore. | 5. She is the little jewel of the women of Fodla; Polished and stately she goes along the road; And many are the young men who asked her in marriage, For she would be a splendid match with whom to settle down. | 6. Nor does she take pride or pleasure in it, No bias there is found in her to turn her from her way; But indeed upon my word, O heart devoid of sorrow, He'd be a senseless man who would not her desire.

This song was composed by the poet Patrick Callanan, of Carheenadivane, near Craughwell, Co. Galway. He was a contemporary of Raftery, and is responsible also for another fine song "Seágan a mic mo Comappun," which is sung to the same air as "bpigroin beupac," No. 30. It was sung to me by Bridget Lohan, a young girl from Sylane, Tuam, who learned it from her mother. The words are as printed in the "Tuam Herald" by the late John Glynn. I got another version from Mrs. McDermot, Doogra, Tuam, which is practically the same.

The maine ὑμύn, here extolled, was a celebrated beauty. She was the great-grandmother of the late Mr. Frank Hugh O'Donnell, sometime M.P. for Galway Borough.

In his poem on Μάιμε Stanton, Raftery says: "I have left the branch with her, away from Μάιμε ὑμύn."

In his note on the song, John Glynn says:—"I wrote it down about twenty years ago from a son of the composer. Callanan was a bardic rival of Raftery, and both are having their long sleep within a few perches of each other in the old cemetery of Killeeneen."

The air is reminiscent of "Μάιρ' ní Cròin." Another version of this song is in "Sιαπρα απ ζειπριό," p. 20.

24.—máire ní mongáin. (Mary Mongan.)



2. Mo peadan moinnead a bi oilte muinte, a duard an cunntan le beit nior reapn, bi snaoi na scomuntan ain tao ir bi ré

Βί 5ηΔοι ηα 5comuntan αιη ταο η bi ré róm-ra,

A'r ba mait an congancóin é amuig le Seagán.
Tá rúil agamra go bruigió ré iomlact
Agur rontún cumactac ó Rig na nghárt,
A tiubhar a baile cugam é glán gan contabaint

παη 17 πόη πο δυπαιό 1 ποιαιό πο πιείπ δάιπ. 8. 'S cá bruil truait i néiminn níor mó ná mé 1 noiaió an ceao úire a cháió mo choióe? At tude de atur at véanam véince 'S ní fátaim eán-rtéaluaió an muinnáan cín! nuain a feicim-re tac bean aca 'r a telann thé céile,

Caillim πο μαεύεαμα 'r meabain πο cinn,
'S τά υειρεαύ πο feancuir 'r πο compάυ
υέαπτα,

's ní ladpóčau aon puno 50 uceizió mé 1 50.11.

4. 17 mac gan cumann tú anoir, van Liomra, Mac voigeann an cuairt cugam v'oivé' ná ve lá,

A caic thi haite fan rfit fot' iomean
'S a cuaid i feontabaint leat oide' an bair.
tuf me rfoil duit afur beafan róflum'
Oo hein mo comacta man ninne a b'feann,
'S nac beaf a foillear mo falna dubac ont
Cébi cuige af a mbionn tú ann.

5. Cá bruit τημαίς 1 πέιμιπη αξτ πας 17 πάταιη

A beit at oul i brán an a céile coide', A d' feil to chearta é tan tuit tan náine fuain biad atur annlann mait tlan d'á cíonn.

má'r é an bár a clip onm 'r a v'rág raoi onám mé,

Μαριγιοπόα απ geall maita cuin ré 1 gcill, 'S gun b'é an roncúin veineannac a bí v'á bápp á'm,

Jun jeal mo ceann agur gun oub mo choide.

6. 'S nac bear a ngoilleann mo salpa oubac aip,

'S a liacta bhón ag gabáil thí mo choide; táinic tinnear ohm ir caill mé móhán, 'S níl luac na cónha 'gam anoir, rahaon! ní hé pin ip meapa liom, ná cháit 50 món mé Act man ninne mé an pópat an air anír; Bain ré an clann tíom bí oilte cóiste— Cá muinitin ós onm, 'p mé 50 las 'na scíonn.

7. 'S cá bruil chuaig i néimin act mac ir mátain

a bul 1 brán an a céile coide; Cuaid 50 Sarana ran anin Salloa San rior a páite act beatán bid.

Oá mbao 1 mbaile na Cille agam a béao oo cháma

ní beičinn čom oub-čnoičesť ná a lesť 'co čistů,

Δότ πο ζάις ζέδο beannact leat το ηίσξαζτ πα ητράττα,

nuain nac bruil ré i moán com cú réiceáil coroce.

8. nac món a guilear vean i noiaró a páirce má fágann ré bar uaití i n-aoir a mí, 'S a liacta ronnánac bneát lutman láivin as sabail tan ráile 'r nac brillrió coióce. ní hé rin a manbuit mé dá méad mo buaidnead,

ná a pinne qual oub oe mo choide, act níl teac mo capad á'm le dul ap cuaipt ann

ná bean mo chuaige beit ann 'mo biaib.

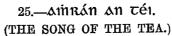
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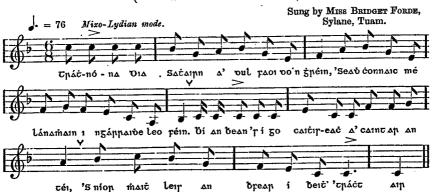
1. I had three sons who were well brought up, But it is short they remained with me, my hundred sorrows! They left their poor sister weeping bitterly Every Sunday, and not trying to dress herself. I hadn't much esteem for the youngest son, Although a friendly little lad was Peter himself; But the son that was oldest, he tormented me sorely, And a month I shall hardly live with grief after them. | 2. My darling Peter, that was reared and educated And went away to improve himself; The neighbours loved him, while he was with me, And he was a good helper, outside, with John. I have a hope that he will get a safe journey And a great fortune from the King of Grace, Who will bring him home to me without danger, For my grief is great after my fair little son. | 3. And where in Ireland is there a person more to be pitied [than I], After my first son, who broke my heart? Praying to God and doing alms.deeds, And I get no news of him, on sea or on land. When I see all the women with their families united, I lose my sight and my memory!— But I have ended my story, and have said everything, And I will speak no more till I go into the grave. | 4. You are a son without affection now, in my opinion,

Who comes not to visit me by night or by day, Who spent three quarters without rest bearing you, And was in danger with you on the night of death. I gave you schooling and some little learning, According to my power and as well as I could; And little does it affect you, the black disease I have, In whatever province you may happen to be. | 5. Is there anything so pitiful in Ireland as a son and a mother, Straying continually from each other? [1] who reared him kindly without pain or shame, And provided food and good clean sauce for him. If death has failed me, and left me in this miserable condition— For it is many a good promise he sent to the grave; And the last fortune I got on top of all Was that my head grew white and my heart black. | 6. Isn't it little my painful disease affects him, And the many sorrows that go through my heart? Sickness came on me, and I lost a great deal, And I haven't the price of a coffin, now, alas! But that's not what I think the worst, nor what troubled me most, But that I got married for a second time; It took from me the children that were fully reared, And I have a young family, and I am weak on account of them. | 7. And what is more pitiful in Erin than a son and a mother Straying constantly from each other? He went to England, in the army of the foreigner, Without knowledge of his wages, except a little fcod. If I had your bones in Ballinakille I would not be as broken-hearted after you half so much; But my five hundred blessings with you to the Kingdom of Grace, Since it is not fated for me to see you again. | 8. Does not a woman weep greatly after her child If he dies at even the age of a month? And all the strong, fine, active youths Going over the sea never to return! It isn't that that killed me, though great my sorrow; Nor that made a blackened coal of my heart, But there's no friendly house to pay a visit to, Nor a woman to pity me after my death.

This song was sung to me by Miss Maggie Hession as she had heard her grandmother singing it. As she remembered only fragments of the words, she used the version given by Professor O'Maille in his "Ampain Claime 5acocal," p. 122, and I give it here with his kind permission.

For another variant see Timony's "Gaelic Songs of the West," p. 60.





2. eirean: maire, bionn cura i Scomnuide 7. 1re: maire, o'imtig cú ceana ir táinic 'cun rior an an céi, τύ Δηίς, 'S an lá bíor ré agac, ní reicni facaman agac c'noin, rgilling tean a' ao é; ná pitinn; Imicig Lear 'r rag cobac vam an luig tú an vo leabaid 'r vo maite leat réin, taobanna cinn, nó pomnero mé leat reac na סס חו חוגהיסס סס חברלק חב צ' Láige ! cnámaib. 3. 1re: Cia an c-rlige atá a 'am-ra? 8. Cirean: Scop vo béal rearca, a amaio Cá bruiginn-re duic é ve jpaoill! Act as ceangal vá cinc a naib nó buailrio mé buille ont a ub aca 'néin ? bhitreat oo ohuim! Ruo a čóz cú paoi noolaiz, níon מל כסק מס מר מה שב לב לים כס כם ולין íoc tú rór é tagoat oo 'S cá an méao po páčač sann as δί απ ταιγιώη γιη σέασηα αξ σο na páircib. mátain. 4. Ειγεαπ: Τά πιγε σ'ά ζεαραύ ξυη γυαραζ 9. 1re: má tá mire im' amaio 'r 50 an crlige Bruilim im' ppaoill,beic as obain buic-re san cada Leine an mo choiceann com oub o'á cionn; Leir an baol,-Dá ociginn ipteac ag son fean Viol me a parb agam go n-iocrainn an cior, Seobrainn cobac uard 'r noinne A'r riné o'fáz follam mo láma. ṗáιờe." 5. 1re: Sé a n-tapprá de obain 1 gcat-10. Eirean: Ruo a oubaine mé leac ceana, team oo raogail a vernim Leat é, Ag caiceam cobac ir o'á leigean mana n-ésporò cú reapoa le le zaoit; zlópčaib mo béil, Cairbeán anoir cá bruit vo mait mana reopato cú anoir 'r nó vo maoin Leigean ve'n céi 's nac mampamail oo lon oo 1r ξεαρη α θέας τεας α 'αυ ná na páircib? Apur! 6. Circan: Vá victivinn 50 Jaillim nó roin Tá mé le raoa as coinneáil an 11. 1re: . 50 hát-Cinn, С15е Anonn 50 Cmn Mana, nó 'mac 'S ní cóm go breicreá mo beoc 50 Cháig-lí, ná mo špeim; Cappaide i oceac mé peaccinain mapa n-ólainn ap maioin lán nó mí, rzilléad dá þitinn To raochuiginn luad onan agur ηί βέαδ βραση της απ χείς αχ bámin. an páirte !

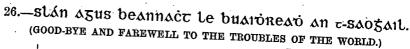
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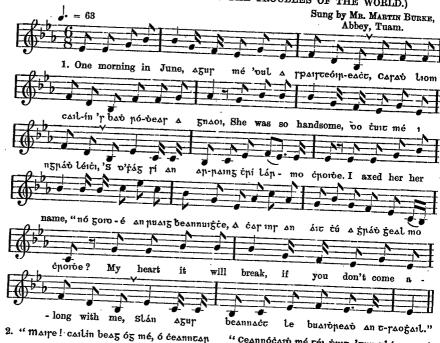
12. eigean: Chaid té 50 Saillim 50 héidead le fean olige; ni bruigead té deit 'cainnt leir san leat-gini buide; " di asam 'ra spidéal an maidin Ola'hoadin Táim cinnte 50 héidteó' mé an cát tin." bí an lánamain ra spivéal an maivin an lae, 's deaman blar a nighead act a gcun an an néid; ní deannad an deint rin act magad 'r bic-éigeam Act ceapaim gun caillead na páirtí.

TRANSLATION.

1. One Saturday evening when the sun was setting I saw a couple in a garden by themselves. The woman was noisily discoursing on tea, And the man did not like her to be talking of it. 2. "Now, you are always talking of tea, And the day you have it nobody sees it with you. Be off, get tobacco for me, for your own good, Or I'll share with you the handle of the spade." | 3. "How can I? Where could I get it for you, But by tying two hens that had eggs last night? What you had at Christmas you did not yet pay for, And what I have is little enough for the children." { 4. "I am thinking it is a miserable way To be working for you and getting nothing out of it; If I went in to any man in the country, I'd get tobacco from him and some pay." | 5. "All the work you'd ask to do, during your life, Is smoking tobacco and letting it go with the wind; Show now where are your goods or your means, And is not your provision for the children amusing?" | 6. "If I went to Galway, or east to Headford, Over to Kinvara, or out to Tralee, For a week or a month, I'd meet with a house Where I'd earn the price of a drawers and a jacket." | 7. "Indeed! you went before and you returned again, And we did not see with you a crown, a shilling, or a penny; You lay on your bed and your sides sore, And the cold deep in your bones." | 8. "Cease your talk henceforth, you foolish slattern, Or I'll strike you a blow that will break your back, Fighting and wrangling you spend your life, And the very same way had your mother." [9. "If I am a fool, and if I am a slattern, With a shirt on my skin as black as a beetle; I sold all I had to pay the rent, And that is what has left my hands empty." | 10. "What I told you already, I tell you again, Unless you listen henceforth to the words I speak; Unless you stop now, and leave off the tea, It is short you will have either house or home." | 11. "I am a long time keeping the house, And you should not notice my drink or my eating; If I should not drink every morning the full of a twopenny skillet, There wouldn't be a drop in my breast for the child." | 12. He went to Galway to settle with a lawyer: He couldn't get an interview without a yellow half guinea: "Be with me in Spiddal on the morning of Thursday. I am certain I'll settle that case." | 13. The couple were in Spiddal in the morning, And nothing was done but to bind them to the peace. That couple did nothing but mocking and reviling (one another), But I think the children died.

This song was sung to me by Miss Bridget Forde, Sylane, Tuam. The words are taken from a collection of the songs of Colm Wallace, a Connemara poet, selected and edited some years ago by the late papais mac piapais, and published by the Gaelic League. (See "Amplain Cuilm de Bailir," p. 4.)





na rannge,

Δζυη σόζαθ ζο cneapta mé i οσογαό mo raosail.

I being so siry, ó 17 é múo bao cleactae liom, Which made my own parents and me disagree." "mair", a cuirle, r a recip, ace a n-éireá Liom camall

I'd tell you a story a b'air le vo choive, That I'm a young man that's doughtily in love with you,

And surely my heart is from roguery free."

3. "Go, you bowld rogue, sure you're wanting to plater me.

b'feann éan an an láim ná bá éan an a 'gchaoib.

I have neither wheat, potatoes, nor anything, ná τιά an pluro leabaro a béao cappainn 'ran oroče."

"Ceannocato mé céi ouic, 'Kur Kléar maic in aice mn.

Sún' English cotton de'n fáiriún acá daon, So, powder your hair, love, and come away 'long with me,

Slán agur beannact le buaionead an trao-5016."

4. "There's an ale-house near by, agur béromuro go maroin ann,

If you are satisfied, a that teal mo choree, Early next morning we'll send for a clergyman, Agur béromro-ne ceangailt' 'ngan-fror vo'n c-raogal.

Dérómuro az ól, fao mainteat an c-ainzead, And then we will take the road home with all speed.

When the reckoning is paid, who cares for the landlady?

Stán agur beannace le buaroneau an traosail."

TRANSLATION.

This is an example of what, I believe, is known as "macaronic" verse, i.e., verse in which two languages are used alternately. Songs of the same style seem to have been fairly common in Munster, but I have come across only this one sample in the West. I learned the air from the Rev. M. J. Conroy, P.P., Kilmeena, Co. Mayo, and the words I got from Martin Burke, Abbey, near Tuam. It must have been very popular at one time in this neighbourhood, as all the old people remember hearing it when they were young, although they have forgotten it now.

For variants of the air see Petrie, Nos. 1478, 1461, 1462, 1463.

27.—mainistir baile cláir. (THE ABBEY OF CLARE GALWAY.)



- 3. Μαη τά γιαν α σιάζτιξαν νο'η βεαςαν, 'Sur a leanmuine na piażalżuiże ir reapp, αός απ ταν (ό) 'r bέινεας Ρεανας 'γα ξοατασις béro án gcanaro 'rna brlaitir le rágáil.
- 4. Δη ημο ύησί τογμιζ γιδ έσαπα reiceamuir chiochuiste é, man geobaio ηδ beannace o'n γαζαμε 'S a vá áineam veuz ó Mac Vé.
- 5. eineocaro pro ruar ar an ngheallait agur nacato mb an clánacato pein, 'S ní đó féin a chuinnit ré an zeaphad ace le eneroeamaine po'n pobal go bhát.
- 6. A'r nac món an cúir náine vo'n pobal, 'S a liaccaige reap maic a mbaile-cláip, **δάιγτελό απυλη α θειό απ απ γαζαπο,** an fao 'r a bionnr an c-airnionn o'a nao.
- chuinniugað Le cun raoi n-a nglúnaib inr an ngheallaig, 's van mo cuir 50 mbionn opab an na mná.
- Dionn an leacóigin cloice ag gac rean in a

7. a'r nuain a toruifeannr an pobal ag

- 8. πά h-αδημιζιό αου φιος leir αυ γαζαμε, ηί'ι село αξαίδ ημο αη διέ α ηλό, man ciocraio ré an colamain na leabca diaza az cup ola oppaid aimpip an báir.
- 9. πό 50 ηξηίοδα γέ " par" le n-án n-anam Suar as Ris Jeal na nghár. Oc! a mune Oil, céano oo béantar muio-ne, 'S com minic é a feananny muio é?
- 10. An rean a fiubail b'lá'-cliat 'gur Baillim, tant anan 'gur beul-an-at'-moin, tur ré an "sway" po'n obain le reactnac braca re a leitéide ror.
- 11. 'S nac maing nac n-abnocat an paivin Sin agur an vá veicneaban veug, in onoin το haingilib na brlaicear, Sin αξυγ το ξηάγτα mac Té.

TRANSLATION.

1. Is it not a hard saying? Is not death cruel and heart-rending, That would not give me a half hour, or a moment of time? That the body is not worth a red halfpenny, Nor the corpse, when it is stretched above boards? And may the Son of Mary assist our souls If we are creatures who will be put astray. | 2. But I firmly and solemnly declare That if I were a priest in the place, I would not put any judgment of penance On any man in Clare Galway. | 3. For they are renouncing sin, And following the best rules of life; And as long as Peter is in the Chair Our friends will be found in heaven. | 4. That which you have already begun, Let us see that it is brought to a finish, For you will have a blessing from the priest, And a twelve-fold reward from the Son of God. | 5. You shall rise up from the bare gravel And will go (to kneel) on boards of pain (pine (?)): And it is not for himself he collected the tax. But for the benefit of the people for ever. | 6. And is it not a great shame for the people, Seeing the number of good men in Clare, That the rain is falling down on the priest During the time that he offers the Mass? | 7. And when the people begin to assemble, Every one has a little flag in his hand To put under his knees on the gravel, And assuredly there is mud on the women's (clothes). | 8. Do not say aught to the priest, You have no right to say anything; For he comes to the head of the bed to you, Putting the holy oils on you at death. | 9. And thus writing a "pass" for our souls Up to the bright King of Grace. And, O Mary! what shall we do,

Considering how often we offend Him? | 10. The man who walked Dublin and Galway, Past Aran and Ballinamore, Gave the palm to the work a week ago, Saying he didn't see its equal so far. | 11. How terrible for him who would not say that prayer As well as the twelve decades (prescribed) In honour of the angels of heaven, And also of the grace of God's Son.

This song was evidently composed by some local poet—I have been unable to find out by whom—probably some time before the present parish church of Clare Galway was built. Until that time the people had continued to worship in a corner of the old Franciscan Monastery which was fast falling into ruin.

The air is irregular, and I had to hear it many times before I ventured to write it down. Pat, however, was always willing to come into Tuam as often as I asked him; indeed his anxiety to save the old songs was as keen as my own.

28.—OOCTÚIR JENNINGS. (DOCTOR JENNINGS.)



2. Vá mbéad fior agampa 50 paid an bár

Ο'ιπεοδεαιτη 50 κάπας ι ποιαιό πο είτη; 50 σου πί γιθεριτη αρ απ σύη γεο σύιτες 50 λά πο δάιγ πό σειμεαό πο γασξαίλ, 50 σειμθραίτη θείξεαη της απ αδαίτη δάτδες, α'ς πί ιαρηγαίτη γιάτη θε 50 σεισέγαιτη τρίσ. Αξε πο εύιξ εέαο beannact 50 εύιρε πα ηξηάγεα,

muna bruit ré moán com tú a feiceáil coice.

3. Sé mo léan géan nac i brainnge a bí cú, nó a brao ó oo muincin tall inr an Spáinn, béad rúil a baile leac de ló a'r d' oidte

Αη το συλητ πίστα, πό τιση το τρέιλ. Αστ σύητε ιπτίξελος' τουτ 'η και το τεισεάλ σοιτός,

6, mí ní παιηριό mé beo 'σο όιαιό!
 1γ é mo ξαίρα συδαό é nad é mo όροιδε απά σύπτα,

A'r gan ruil a baile leac anir go bhác!

4. πυλιη α δησαύπτιζιπ γίος αρ βοίλ-απλαμματική,

Cé an cár com bliadain act anir 50 ceo, inr an áit a h'oilead é, an teannaid uaral, act nac thuaig rin a'r mo cheac, é 'n Lán! πιατη α connaic mire ceann an contrann α' τεα τη τη τη δρόιητε, 'γεα το α ξειτ πο choice,

bí "Mrs. Jennings" ann agur í oá pógað, an minon óg ann, nac breicrean coidce!

5. Bi piopai zeal' ann azur leann o'á bóinceab,

rion agur beoin agur 50 leon oá noinne,
'S nac cháide an bainir é as ceace an
Domnais,

Agur mo maighrein comanca le oul inr a'

To moc Oia Ooinnais 'read a ruain ré a concha,

'S a Rí na Slóipe nac bao é rin an táip, Omne naral ós a bí i noiaid a pórta, a ramail ní comaiprinn i drur ná tall.

6. Leat na cúize bí raoi n-a cumacta, a'r buo é rin an t-úzoan so bruain ré bár! aca i otúamba cloice mé a beit rínte ruar leir.

ουό έ για πο γόι ότ ο διαξαια δός. Δ! "Mrs. Burke," τη beag απ σ-τοπηπιό, σύ α δειό ας σαοιπερό το διό γη το οιόσε, γαοι το σεαμθηάσαιμία συμαπικό παό δητεισγεαη σοιόσε,

Scát na tipe ve vuine uapal óg.

TRANSLATION.

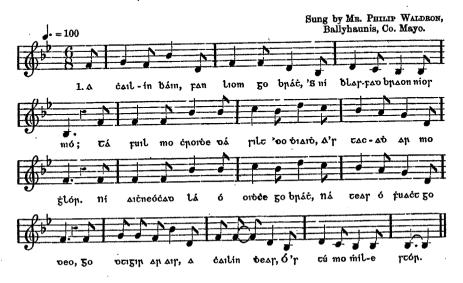
1. Oh, Doctor Jennings, a hundred bitter woes, It is you who died on us in the prime of your life; If I were to walk Connaught and the Isle of Patrick, The like of my master I'd not find in the country. I pity now Ulick, your father, By night and by day as long as I live, His black suit on him and he walking the meadows; And indeed it's a hard stroke for him at the end of his life. | 2. Had I known that death was upon you, Wandering I'd go, not caring where. Never would I return to this part of the estate, Till the day of my death or the end of my life, Until I would jump into the drowning river; And I would not try to swim that I might come through, But my five hundred farewells to the Court of the Graces, If I am not destined to see you again. | 3. 'Tis my bitter woe, that 'tisn't at sea you were, Or far away from your people, over in Spain, You'd then be expected home by day and night For a month's sojourn, and you'd be

heard from, But now you are gone, never more to be seen; Oh! a month I'll not be alive after you! My black complaint, that my heart has not ceased, Since you're never expected to come home again. | 4. When I look down on Pollaneerin; What mattered a year, but to think, "never again"! In the place where he was reared, the noble Jennings! Is it not a pity and bitter woe for me? When I saw the head of the coffin Coming into the porch, my heart leaped up. Mrs. Jennings was there and she kissing him, The young minor, who will never more be seen! | 5. There were white clay pipes there and abundance of ale, Wine and beer being distributed freely. What a sorrowful feast at the coming of Sunday, My master coffined to go to the grave! Early on Sunday he was put into the coffin. And Oh! King of Glory, was it not a shame? A young gentleman soon after his marriage! His like I would not find near or far. | 6. Half the province was under his power, And he was the authority until he died. But in a tomb of stone, to be stretched beside him, That would be my solace if I were to die. Ah! Mrs. Burke, small is the wonder That you should lament by day and by night Your loving little brother who will never be seen: The flower of the country of a young nobleman.

This is another purely local song, composed by the poet, Pat Greany, and sung to me by his great-granddaughter, Mary Conway of Ardrumkilla, Tuam.

The Doctor Jennings here lamented was a member of an old Catholic family—the Jenningses of Ironpool ("Pott-an-lappainn"), Kilconly, Tuam. He died of a fever, contracted whilst visiting a patient, when quite a young man. The "Mrs. Burke" mentioned in the song was his sister, married to one of the Burkes of Ower, near Headford, Co. Galway. The present representative of the family, I believe, is Colonel Jennings of Monkstown, Dublin.

29.—mo míle stór. (MY THOUSAND TREASURES.)



- 2. Ó, a cailín báin, ir cú mo thát, a'r mo páinc ra c-raotal món; tan cú i látain dé na nghárca Ní rárca béinn san 56.
- 1. My sweet fair maid I prythee stay
 And I will drink no more,
 My heart doth sweep the wine of tears,
 My voice is hushed and low.
 I'll know not light from darkest night,
 Nor heat from winter's cold,
 Should you depart, maid of my heart,
 My love, my joy, my store!
- 1 piogaet na Spáinne ná Jeanmáine Do famail ní facar rór, a be na mbáno, a vil-bean bláit, 17 tú mo mile rtón.
- My sweet fair maid, your love's the share
 Of all the world I hold.
 Without your smile in Paradise
 I would repine, and go.
 The lands of Spain or Allemain
 Have not your match to show—
 Bright flower of maids, the bards have praised,
 My love, my joy, my store!

My friend, Philip Waldron, who gave me this little song, tells me he learned it from an old lady living near Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, but he thinks she originally came from the neighbourhood of Tuam.

30.—britoin beusaio. (Breedyeen vesey.)



2. Do geit mo choide le buaidhead agur tsannhaid mé naoi n-uaihe an maidin úd do cualaid mé nao haid tú hómam le rágail, '8 a liace lá raoi fuaihtear cait mire 'r tú i n-uaisnear '5 san neac an bit d'án scúmdac act an chúirsín 'r é an an sclán.

Oá brágainn amac do cuainairg Dá deigteá go bonn chuaite, Racad an rgéal no chuaid onm nó leanrainn do mo gháb, '8 go mh'feann liom rince ruar leac '8 gan rúinn act rhaoc a'r luacain ná [beit] '5 éirceact leir na cuacaib Díor an riubal ag éinige lá (i.e. láe). 3. 'S é άοθαη m' ογηα 'γ m' έαξολοιπ Jac maivin moc v'á n-éipigim a cuil na lub 'r na bpeupla nac tú bí dam 1 noán, 'S ni sapprainn Lear map réspin Aco mé a'r cú béit i n-éinfeaco In áit éigin 'n án n-aonan, So leagrainn ont mo lám. Seinnrinn céol an Teudaib 50 binn, le bápp mo meupa, theigrinn mná na h-éipeann ont, A'r leanrainn tù 'ran triám, 's vá mbéronn am' piż na Spéize no im' phionnra an na céaucaib To beuntainn Lat an mead Lin To peupla an bhollaig bain.

4. Oá breicreá neult an eólair 'S i ceacc i mbéal an Bótain Όέρητά 50 mbuo řeóo μαις Το τόξταο ceo α'η ομαοιόεα τ, διαγόη παπ ξηαθο σαυης Α 'S a ruil man onuce an fogmain, a béilín tana nó bear 'S a bhátaio an bat an aoil. δί α τά είε εσημα εόπ-εμιιηη mol mé 120 'r ni món hom, 'n a rearam as beanam lóchain 'S 120 ceapta or comain a choibe. τά mé 1 mbpón 'r 1 ποόξηλιης ό ηξιοηη τά μαιπ ταη τεόραιηη, Ciò ir rava ó ruain mé cómainte 30 ησιορρό ό ap mo faosal.

muna brát' mé britio 'ran méad rin ní'l agam le pád léite Act beannact rlán a'r céad do cun le blát na rut-thadb.

6. Δ ηξέιτη, α choide 'γ α bheáta ηί γεμιουγαό Βιηξιί μάιτe, a vá číc žeala bána man an eala tá an an ocoinn, Δ malait caola, σαμμαίης σε 'S a rúil com chuinn le áinne A bior 1 5communde, cá 'r Agamm, as ráp an Bánn an coim. Dub millre blar a poize ná mil na mbeac 'r é peóioce, δα δεαγ α γεαγαώ ι εδρόιξ 'S a cuilfionn ráinneac fionn. 's vá mbéinn a'r blát na h-óige 1 mballa no 1 mbotóla ηι τάξταπαοις 50 σειμεαφ τόξιπαιμ é, ασ ας γρόης 'γ ας σέαπατη ξηιηη.

7. Όση Μεμουμι χυμ οδιξ Sup b'é pluco rgiob an creóo leir, 'S gun ab 10mba βάρσαιο móna Tá zabail 101p mé 'zur i, ir é Jupicen a máigircin, a'r chiallraid mé o'á látain, Δότ ταπταυ 50 υτι απάμας To Leigio mé mo pgic. Τά mé συιηγελό, δηεόιύσε, Ciò caic mé Leat mo δρόχα, So rioppuroe as veanam broin, ní coolaigim neull ve'n oroc', 'S o cus henculer le no-neant Cenbenur ve'n botan, an mearann 718 nac cóin dam mo rcón vo leanamain ríor.

8. Níon món vam congnam láivin,
Ní'l mé món le Chapon,
D'éivin vó mé bátav
Oá voiginn in a líon.
Cá a báv 'r a maivive náma
So ríonnuive anniúv an gánva;
Ní taitnigeann vneam an pápa leir,
Ní géilleann ré v'á nolige.

níon cabain dam na Spáinis man sealt an Bainníosain máine, Bíod as bhúsad a'r as cánnad 's as consbáil na nSall ríor, Acu dá maintead Calvin lá 'cinu, Chomaill, Hannnaoi, a'r Mánuain, Dá rshíodrad riad dam cánda ní h-éileócaide onm pisin.

9. 'S έρ ριστο απ ρητοπητα εξαπρημέ Sξιού μαι πο ξηάύ αξυς π'απηταές, έ ρέιπ αξυς Κασαπαπους πί εαραίο σοπ απ σιας, Όμις απ υρώτες, σόιξες, 'S α ξατίσος υρίτες υρεδίος, πιπος πας σους ερόδαιρς, πα ερισταίξ απ ξασυίδε δοισό'. Τη τοπόα αθαίπη δάιδες, Εδίμπεαξαίδ αξ εάρπαδ αξυς αξ ξος ξαδ απ ξαδ εξασίδ, Ace chiallean oppa amápac Agur map anmuig rian mo ghán dam, Beoban congnan láinip Nac n-éileócaine opm pigin.

10. Flanca Flonn nion mon vam, Orzan 'r Joll na mónna, 's Cúcullainn, an laoc chóganca náp člir i kcač apiam. Clann tirnig oubaine go leon hom Do baintead ar claideam lóchan, Agur heccop, an lace mon-chuc ruain rożluim bneaż ran Chaoi. Clumnreá i otip na h-Óige **Σπιοώ πα Βρεαμα πόμα,** Δη τηάς τογαιξεασαρ α γτηός ασ as seannad nompa rior. Δός Ιυρισερ πίοη πόρ δαπ Cum mencon, an rean éoluir, Liom, nán leiz amuš' i n-aon bóżan mé 50 סבעק me abaile buigio.

TRANSLATION.

1. I'd marry Breedyeen Vesey Without coat, boot, or mantle; Treasure of my heart, if I could, I would fast for you nine times, Without food or drink or anything, On an island in Loch Erne, Hoping that you and I might be together Until we settled our case. O cheek of the colour of the dog-berry, O cuckoo of the top of the mountain, Do not belie your promise, But rise up with the day. And in spite of the law of the clergy I'd take you for my spouse. And, Oh, God! what a charming tale 'twould be, A man stealing away with his love. | 2. My heart leapt with trouble, And I frightened nine times, That morning that I heard That you were not to be found before me. And all the days with merriment That you and I spent in solitude, Without anyone guarding us But the jug, and it on the table. If I could find out news of you, If you were to go to the foot of the Reek (Croaghpatrick); The story would go very hard with me, Or I should cling to my love. And I should rather be stretched beside you, With nothing under us but heath and rushes, Than be listening to the cuckoos Who are moving at the break of day. | 3. The reason of my moans and my lamenting Every early morning that I arise, O cool of the curls and the pearls, Is, that it is not you who were fated for me; And I would not ask with you, for a faireen, Anything but you and me to be together In some place alone, So that I might lay my hand on thine (thee). I would play music upon strings With the top of my fingers; I would forsake all the women of Erin for you, And I would follow you through the ocean. And if I were king of Greece, Or a prince over hundreds, I would give up all that To the pearl of the white breast. | 4. If you were to see the Star of Knowledge And she coming in the mouth of the road, You would say that she was a jewel at a distance Who would lift mist and enchantment. Her countenance red, like the roses, And her eye like the dew of the harvest, And her thin little mouth, very pretty, And her neck like the colour of the lime. Her two pointed, equal-round breasts, I praised them, and I ought to, Standing, making a lamp, And they shapen over against her heart. I am in grief and anguish Since you slipped from me beyond the mearing, Though it is long since I got advice That you would shorten my life. | 5. I shall begin down in Breaghwy, And I shall go to Loch Erne, And from Sligo to the foot of Kesh Corran I shall take my course; I shall walk Moin-Eile (Bog of Allen), And Cork and Ben Edar (Howth), And I shall not stand in Tomgraney Until I go to Tralee. There is never a hill nor mountain valley, Nor harbour town, in all that (country), That I shall not walk if I can, And that I shall not search for my desire. And if I do not find Breed in all that I have nothing to say to her, But to send a blessing and a farewell and a hundred To the blossom of the raspberries. | 6. Her beauty, her heart, and her fineness Virgil would not write in a quarter of a year; Her two bright white breasts Like the swan that is upon the waves. Her brows narrow, drawn, And her eye as round as a sloe, Which is always, we know, Growing on the top of the bush. Sweeter were the taste of her kiss Than honey of the bees, and it frozen; Pretty was her standing in a shoe, And her coolin was ringleted and fair; And if I and the blossom of youth Were only in Balla or in Bohola, We should not leave it till the end of harvest, But sporting and making merriment. | 7. Mercury says that he is certain That it was Pluto who swept away the jewel with him, And there are many great guards Going between me and her. Jupiter is their master, And I shall journey into his presence, But I shall wait till to-morrow Until I take my rest. I am tired, sick, Though I have used up my boots after you; Everlastingly making grief, I do not sleep a wink in the night. And since Hercules with excessive strength Carried off Cerberus from the road, Do ye not think that is right for me also To follow my love down below? | 8. I require strong help, I am not great (on terms) with Charon; He might drown me If I were to come into his net. His boat and oars Are constantly there on guard; The people of the Pope do not please him, He does not submit to their law. No help to me would be the Spaniard, Because of Queen Mary, Who used to be bruising and overthrowing And keeping down the Galls. But if Calvin were alive, some day, Cromwell, Henry, or Martin, They would write for me a card, And not a penny would be required of me. | 9. It is Pluto is the disputatious princé Who snatched from me my love and my dear; Himself and Rhadamanthus, Neither of the two are friends to me. Vulcan, bruised and burnt, With his one foot broken and injured; Minos, who gave no mercy, Do not trust the rogue for ever. Many is the drowning river (I must encounter) That, and the ruinous peril, Thunders overwhelming And burning on every side; But I shall journey towards them to-morrow, And if they will not admit my love to me, I shall receive strong help, So that a penny shall not be required of me. | 10. The Fenians of Finn I would Oscar and Goll Mac Morna, And Cuchulain the valiant hero Who never failed in battle. The children of Uisneach, many have told, Who used to strike flame from sword, And Hector the great-famed hero, Who found fine learning in Troy. You would hear in the Landof-Youth The deeds of the great men, When they began a-tearing And cutting down men before them; But Jupiter I required, Who sent Mentor the guide with me, Who never let me go astray in any road Until I brought Breed home.

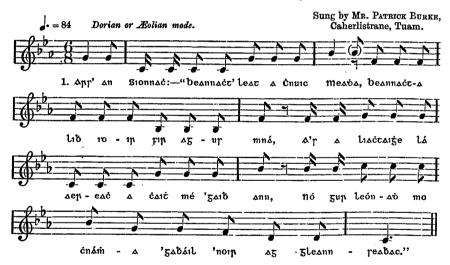
This is one of the most popular of Raftery's songs, and there are very few people in the West of Ireland who cannot sing a bit of it. The words are

taken from "Songs of Raftery" by Dr. Douglas Hyde (p. 222), who has very generously given me permission to use them and others to which I have obtained the airs.

The version of the air I have here given I first heard from a young student of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, Patrick Mac Garvey, who came from Headford, Co. Galway, and I have since heard it frequently from others. Another well-known song is also sung to this air, viz:—"Seaţáın a mic mo Cómainpun," and it is under this title that Petrie noted down the two airs, Nos. 1437 and 1438.

31.—prinseac tír eótain.

(FFRENCH OF TYRONE.)



- 2. "A' gabáil 'noin ag Sleannreabac, nán claon é mo rgéal,
- bi m' anail rein buirce 'r mo ceanga tan mo beal."
- Darcao an Sionnac a'r é '5 oul chío an móin.
- man ruaiteat é 's clampan le rhinreat tin' estain.
- 3. Čυατό cáil na βτητητελό 50 τανα 'η 50 Σεάηη,
- Όο τιατό τέ 50 θησασαίη, σο'η τηαίης 'τ σο'η δράιηη:
- Samuil ve vaoinib vairle ni paib piam lé
- 's 50 mba lean's buan, raoflac é rpinteac tín' Cófain.

- 4. ní'l an t-oighe óg peo act naoi mbliatha téag,
- 'S tá "ladies" na h-áite i ngháo leir gan bhéig;
- Cá ré 1 gclán 'éavain le léigead ag an raogal
- Sun b' é ir áic ánuir vo Flaicear na naoin.
- 5. Vá breicteá na frinrit 'teact cuit an Léim—
- 'Òia 'gur a thuine, nac ionnea bí 'n "game!" A'r iao gleure' 'i noeang, i noub 'gur i mbán—
- Ocl impiğim Ri an Ocimnaiğ an c-ciğpe 'ceacc plan.
- 6. "όb! όb!" app' an Sionnac, "cao 'òéanpap mé péin?
- 'Seo 140 πα ξαθαιη αξυη γερόιοριο γιαο me;

- Caitrean amac mé 'r béro 'n moc raoi, mo fnoin,
- 'S mo puball 'cháchóna, az thinreac típ'
 Cogain.
- Τό δράζατηη-ρε μάτζε πό cúpla mí 'γράς, Račaτηη 'γ απ άτο παό ξουιμετόε τοπηαπ τράξ;
- Racainn cape-amae rior 50 pláinéin muiteó,
- 'Sní béa' mo nuball 'σμάσηδηα '5 τηιηγεας τίη-θόξαιη.
- 8. Díor annrin ceana, 'r b'olc an comunra mé ann.
- δίος η ο-δεαναινέ, δα πόη πο νάιλ 1 δρεοιλ; παρδιιζιπη ρέιη λαζαιη α'ς ξέανα 50 λεοη, 'S ν'έαξαιν γιη πιτρε αξ γίοη-filear πα ποεόη.."

TRANSLATION.

1. Says the Fox:-"Blessings be with you, Knock Ma, Blessings be with you, both men and women; Many's the airy day I spent there among you, Till my bones were injured going past by Glennshoke. | 2. Going past by Glennshoke, isn't my tale a sad one? My breath was exhausted and my tongue hanging out." The Fox was checked going through the bog, For he was put into difficulties by Ffrench of Tyrone. | 3. The fame of the Ffrenches travelled far and near, It went to Britain, to France, and to Spain. Their equals among noblemen were not to be found, And may he be a long-lived child--Ffrench of Tyrone. | 4. This young heir is barely nineteen years, And the ladies of the place are certainly in love with him. 'Tis on his countenance to be read by the world, That his place of dwelling is the Kingdom of Saints. | 5. If you were to see the Ffrenches coming to the leap: Oh, God and Mary! 'isn't it they that were spirited! And they decked out in red, in black and in white: Och! I beseech the King of Sunday that the heir may come safe. [6. "Uv! Uv!" says the Fox, "now what will I do? Here are the hounds, and they will tear me asunder. I shall be put out, and the frost will be under my nose, And Ffrench of Tyrone will have my tail in the evening. 17. If I only got a quarter, or a few months' respite, I'd go to the place where I would not be frightened. I'd go away out to the plains of Mayo, And Ffrench of Tyrone would not have my tail to-night. | 8. I was there before, and a bad neighbour I was: I was too daring, and my desire for meat was great. I used to kill ducks and geese in abundance, And that's what has left me for ever shedding tears."

This song was printed by the late John Glynn in the "Tuam News," and he states in his note on it:—

"The Tyrone branch of the Ffrench family is now known as St. George, Christopher Ffrench having in 1774 assumed the surname of St. George in pursuance of a direction contained in a settlement made by his mother's father, Baron St. George. The country people, however, still refer to them as 'Ffrench of Tyrone,' Co. Galway."

Mr. Glynn says he took down the song from Mr. John Murphy of Knocknagur, Tuam, thirty years ago, but that he did not know by whom it was composed.

Through the efforts of Mr. Pat Burke I have found out that the author was William Flaherty, a weaver, of Imoin, Caherlistrane, seven or eight miles from Tuam. His descendants still live in the town.

The hero of the song was Christopher St. George, who was nineteen years of age at the time, and the people of Imoin and Caherlistrane still talk of how he went alone into the bog of Imoin after the fox. It is said that, to celebrate the event, St. George presented a barrel of beer to every townland on the estate. Mrs. Josephine Concannon, a daughter of "Ffrench of Tyrone," is a well-known resident in Tuam.

The history of the air is interesting, as proving that the creative faculty is not yet extinct among the people. The air that I had previously heard I did not consider particularly good, being a very poor version of "The little stack of Barley," and I was trying to find out from Pat if he knew anyone who could sing it. "I do not," said he, "but this is the air I put on it myself"; and he sang the song as I have given it.

32.—bás agus an muilleóir. (DEATH AND THE MILLER.)



2. An muilleóin: bíod tla bhian agac agur Cifeanna an Cláin;

3. bár:

biod the Concodern thean aget 'r the Vomneill Of;

bíoò Ciğeapna Slizeac azac azur a maiğoean mná,

Agur rág real eile ag an muilleóin bán.

ní bero ua bpiam agam ná 'n Titeanna Cláin:

ní bei o ua Concoba η τρέα η αξαπ ná ua Oomnaill ός;

ní berð Ciżeapna Slizeac azam ná a maizoean mná,

Áct beið gheim cál cinn agam an a' muilleóin bán.

 An muilleóin: má 'r ξαιγοιθελό ταγα, má τά τα 'ηάθ,

> 1r lom, chúaib, caitte é le cháit fan reoil.

> 1η γεαη ται πίγηεας πας παςαφίλεας cun γραιηπ Ατιγ φε μέιη πο πεαγτα,

> > gun cú béad an lán.

5. bár :

Μά τά ιπιγε lom, ςαιττε πί πάιμε τα π έ,
 Δζυγ α lιαςτυιξε lά δηεάξ α μυζαν πέ;
 Δς ιγ τεαςταιμε boct πέ ό ξιαιτεαγ θέ
 Δτά ι ποιαιό ζας απαπ boct

o'an caic a léar.

6. An muilleóin: Slacaim-reparoun az Rig na noul.

le out cun rpainne te plais man cu;

Ας το τος πέ το ποξαπουιό Απ θειητ πό απ τηιύη,

Agur bíoð Ruaiðin rearta Agat nó muilleóin plúin.

7. bár:

Leas mire an Seapaltac,
'r buò saircideac é,
Soll mac mónna asur
Conán maol;
Leaspaid mé an pao iad le
consnain dé,

Azur berð an muilleóin bán azam,'r cé coinneócað é?

TRANSLATION.

1. I was one fine day on my road to Tuam, When Death met me beside the fort. "Have you got any person since you started out?" "Pil have the white Miller by a grip on the poll."!

2. "Have O'Brien and Lord Clare, Have strong O'Connor and young O'Donnell, Have Lord Sligo and his maiden wife, And leave another while to the white Miller." | 3. "Pil not have O'Brien nor Lord Clare, Nor strong O'Connor nor young O'Donnell, Pil not have Lord Sligo nor his maiden wife, But Pil have the white Miller by a grip on the poll." | 4. "If you are a warrior as you say you are, Bare, hard, and wasted is he with fleshless bones, He'd be a cowardly man who wouldn't enter a contest with you, And, in my opinion, 'tis you would be laid low." | 5. "If I am wasted, no shame for me, Seeing the length of days that I've been born. I am a poor messenger from the Kingdom of God Who pursues every poor soul which has spent its term." | 6. "I beg pardon of the King of the Elements For entering a contest with a pest like you; I gave you your choice of two or three, So now you can have Ruane or the miller of

flour." | 7. "I laid low the Geraldine, and a warrior he was, Goll Mac Morna and Conan the Bald, I will lay them all low by the help of God, And I'll have the white Miller, and who would keep him?"

I learned this song from Mr. Michael Farrell, miller, whose people, millers also, are long resident in this neighbourhood. He tells me it has been handed down in his family for generations; but he does not know who composed it.

33.—A COMÁIS, A MÍLE SCÓIRÍN! (THOMAS, MY THOUSAND TREASURES.)



2. Sé mo téan ξέαρ, α γτόιρίη,

5 an mo bόταιρίη αξ συι αξ σο τίξ,

Μαρι η τεατ α ταιτ πέ πο υρόξα

1 στύρ π'οιξε, 'γ πέ ι ποειρεαδ πο γασξαίι.

Δ'γ 50 δρυίι πέ αρ πο τεαδαίδ

τε διαδαίη 'γ τύις γεαστήμιπε σέας

50 δρυίι πο ξράδ ξεαί γα πιίτή,

Δ'γ σειρ σαοίπε πας δρίιζη το δο h-έας.

3. 'Sé mo léan géap, a rcóipín, Gan bliadain ap fad inr an ló, A'r duilleadain na g-chaod Ag ríop-cup na meala dá mbápn, Mire Liom réin inr an cíp A gcoinnuíoear mo gháo, Mo čaob le n-a čaoib Agur an chaobóigín glar in a láim.

4. Dliadain gur an oidde anéin
'Sead néad na capaill dan rál,
A'r 1 gcionn uaine n-a diaid rin
'S ead d'éaluig mo gnád geal ran rnám.
ní'l cuile dá méid
nad gcaideann real eile a' chágad;
ní'l ann add ludd bhéige
'S b-réidin go brillread mo gnád.

TRANSLATION.

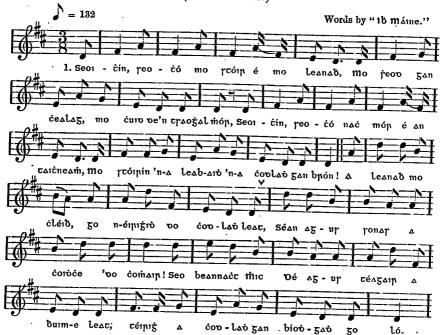
1. Thomas, my thousand treasures; Strike me not down by any word (of yours). Take up your shovel and your spade; And for ever it is no shame to you. As I went over the big strand, I thought the dow was lying, And oh! my love twice over, Here's a kiss till I return. | 2. 'Tis my bitter grief, my treasure! That my path leads not to your house, For it was with you I wore out my boots In the beginning of my youth, and I'm now at the end of life. And I've been on my bed For a year and fifteen weeks, While my bright love is in the army, And they say he will never return. | 3. 'Tis my bitter woe, my treasure! That a full year is not in a day, And that the foliage of the branches Shed not honey from their tops; And that I am not alone in the country In which my love resides, My side by his side, And the little green branch in his hand. | 4. A year ago last night The horses burst through the hedge, And one hour after that My bright love went away in the sea. There is no tide, however great, That does not spend another while in ebbing; They are all only deceivers, And maybe my love will return.

It was from Bridget Forde, Sylane, Tuam, I learned this song. The air consists of one phrase only, four times repeated, but it is a good one.

Another version of the words is given by the Rev. Professor T. O'Kelly in the "U. C. Galway Annual" for 1917.



35.—Suantraide (ii). (À LULLABY.)



- 2. An mullac an csive cá riveoza seala τά caoin-μέ an εαμμαίζ αξ imine a γρόιμε, 'S reo 100 anian cun Blaoro an mo leanb Le mian é cappainge irceac pan lior mon. Soipim tú, a choide! ní bruit' riad do meallad te bníž a zclear ná te binnear a zceoit, Tá mire leo' taoib ag guite ont na mbeannact, Seoitin, a leanb, ni imteo' tú leo. Seoitín, reotó, 7nl.
- 3. Or comain mo Laois, so miocain cean' mail Tá víl-nuirs ainseal as raine 'n-a theo, Le món-gnát vian 'gá iannait cun bealaig, man b'aoibne rlaicir oá nacao ré leo. A proin mo choice, luig pran in co leabard, Lecaoib vo maime' read fair ain 50 roill. ní món dam le via mo frampa' gur m'aicear,

moniogaccantalam i oceannos mobnoro.

Seoitin, reotó, 7nl.

TRANSLATION.

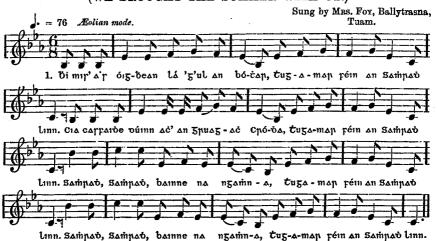
1. Shoheen, shoho, my child is my treasure, My jewel without guile, my share of the world, Shoheen, shoho, how great is the delight, My little treasure in his bed, asleep without sorrow. Child of my bosom, may thy sleep thrive with you, Happiness and luck be ever in store for you. May the blessing of God's Son and the love of His nurse be with you, Go to sleep without start until day. | 2. On the Hill of the Sidne are fairies shining Under the fair moon of spring playing their games. And here they come eastward to call to my child, Wishing to lure him into the

great fort. I call thee, my heart! They shall not entice yon By dint of their tricks, or the sweetness of their music, I am by your side praying for you blessings, Shoheen, my child, you will not go with them. | 3. Before my darling, sweet and gentle, Kind angel eyes are gazing upon him, With great strong love inviting him away, For Heaven would be more delightful were he to go with them. Treasure of my heart! lie down in thy bed, Beside your mamma you still will abide, God does not grudge me my play and my pleasure, My Heaven on earth along with my darling.

It is nearly eleven years ago since I learned this air from Micest bpeachac, on one occasion when he was staying with me. In reply to a question, in which at the time I had a practical interest, as to how the Connemara mothers soothed their babies to slumber, he lilted me the above tune. There were no words but the fragment as I have given it. I have been told by another friend that the mothers of Connemara have a great reverence for the tune, believing that it was used by the Blessed Virgin in putting her Child to sleep.

The air was written down afterwards in $\frac{3}{8}$ time by Tomár Mac Tomatt for the Rev. Professor T. O'Kelly ("15 Máne"), U. C., Galway, who composed the verses which I have given with the air. He has kindly given me permission to use them for this collection.

36.—tuzamar réin an samrao linn. (WE BROUGHT THE SUMMER WITH US.)



2. D'frappurt ré viom an ingean vom an bean of rin,

Cugaman, etc.

So veimin ní h-i, 'r i mo gnát a'r mo rcon i. Cugaman, etc.

Sampao, Sampao, etc.

8. A ociubniá ceao com-ra labaine so roill Lei?

Cuzaman, etc.

παμα ποευπαιό τύ γιη, σευπραιό mé απ cóintear (P).

tuzaman, etc.

Sampat, Sampat, etc.

4. Τόιξ τυγα 'η Διτξιοημα 'γ ματαν-γα 'η bóżan,

tukaman, etc.

pé againn Leantar ri, bioù ri 50 veo aige. Cusaman, etc.

Sampao, Sampao, etc.

5. Leanpard mé 'n Bnuagac, 6'r vear an rean of é.

tuzaman, etc.

Vo beo nó vo mancainn nan fillin so veo onm!

Cuzaman, etc.

Sampao, Sampao, etc.

6. Ir 10mba rin bó's 'ul can claide ceonann, tuzaman, etc.

AS tógáil reilb' an reilb na scomuntan. tuzaman, etc.

Samnao, Samnao, etc.

7. 'Sé reanact rin agam-ra leat-ra, a rcóinín,

tuzaman, etc.

O'fágair annin mé bocc agur bhónac. tuzaman, etc.

Samnao, Samnao, etc.

8. Cámic rí curam anir cháchóna, Cuzaman, etc. A'r cug ri lei an leicrgeul ba conca. tuzaman, etc.

Sampao, Sampao, etc.

9. Ac' níon feur mire éirteact Le cainne be'n cronc pin.

tugaman, etc.

D'rágar ó rom í ag gol go opónac. Cuzaman, etc.

Sampao, Sampao, etc.

TRANSLATION.

1. As I and a young maid were one day going the road, (We brought the summer with us.) Whom should we meet but an Gruagach Crodha? (We brought, etc.) Summer, summer, milk for the calves! (We brought, etc.) | 2. He asked me if that young woman were my daughter. (We brought, etc.) "Indeed then she isn't, she's my love and my treasure." (We brought, etc.) | 3. "Have I your permission to discourse with her a while? (We brought, etc.) If you do not do that, I'll make the chorus (?)" (We brought, etc.) | 4. "Take you the short cut, and I'll go the road; (We brought, etc.) Whichever of us she follows, let him have her for ever." (We brought, etc.) | 5. "1'll follow the Gruagach, for a nice young man he is." (We brought, etc.) "May you never return to me alive or well." (We brought, etc.) | 6. "Many a cow crosses the boundary fence, (We brought, etc.) Taking possession of the neighbour's property. (We brought, etc.) | 7. So it was with you and me, my love. (We brought, etc.) You left me there poor and sorrowful." (We brought, etc.) | 8. She came to me again in the evening. (We brought, etc.) And brought with her an excuse the most plausible. (We brought, etc.) | 9. But I could not listen to talk of that kind. (We brought, etc.) I left her there weeping and sorrowful. (We brought, etc.)

I have to lament the less of a sincere friend in the death of Mrs. Foy, N.T., who gave me this song. She had learned it from her father, who was a native of Milltown, near Tuam. It is strange that although the family lived less than two miles from the town, I did not know they had any Irish songs. It was Mr. John Hoban, Milltown, who first sang it to me. He had learned it from a friend, who stated that he got it in Ballinasloe. I noted it down and sent it to Ballinasloe for correction, if necessary. In reply I was told that it had been learned in the Irish College at Partry, Co. Mayo, from the singing of Mrs. Foy, whose school was near the place. Thus I was able to trace the song back practically to my own door.

The song is comparatively modern, but I understand that the refrain is a very old one. For a much longer version, with a different refrain, see "Ceóltaib Ulao," p. 89, and a version with seventeen verses (from Tory Island) in "Gaelic Journal," March, 1892. See also Petrie, No. 502.



2. Ceannuis mé nor agur cuin mé 'r a' gcné é

1 mbánn an maca i otúr an eannais:

bain mé agur báid mé é, 'r rsain mé an rnaoc é,

'Sur cuin méra sché é san rchointe cáillise.

Ní h-é an bannac sand a ceannais mé réin,
act an plúiníní sléseal leitéid mo dadí.

Caill mé le riseadóin mo ceitne pisinn déas,

San agam v'á bápp act mo leine bappait. Rum vo vum. vum, etc.

8. O'ánouit rí m'anam i mbánn mo cléibe, A'r tócar na plécí a bí fian an a canaí. Deaman rin ouine o'á cuala mo rséal, nán bubaint so naib théad an mo léine bánnait.

Rum vo vum, vum, etc.

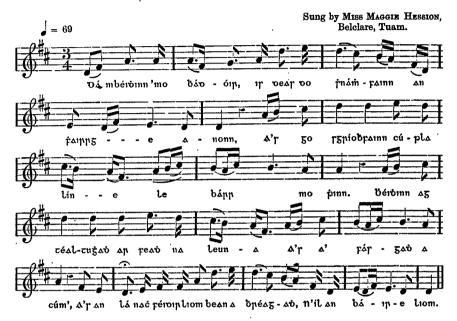
TRANSLATION.

1. There are young girls in that town beyond, And they won't be alive until they get into the fashion. They have expensive satin ribbons quite up to date, Though (for their supper) at night they have only colcannon, my laddie. "Deuce a young boy you'd get in the country. Oh Mary! and oh Christ! it's a pity you are not with me," They never remember the rent of their houses, But their yellow oxters (arm-pits) show through their flaxen shirts. | 2. I bought flax-seed and sowed it in the ground At the top of the field in the beginning of spring. I pulled it and steeped it and spread it out on the heather, And I put it in the earth without an untidy old hag. The tow which I bought was not the coarse stuff, But the bright fine material such as my father (used). My fourteen pence I lost with the weaver, And in return I got only my flaxen shirt. | 3. It lifted my heart to the top of my breast, And I tore at the pleats that were behind on its corners; Not a man who heard tell of my story, That didn't say, there was a flock in my flaxen shirt.

My friend, Mrs. Hoban, tells me that this satirical song was composed by Cormac Dall, a blind poet who lived in Dunmore (eight miles from Tuam) during the latter part of the eighteenth century. A short account of his life is given in Walker's "Irish Bards," with a long poem of his entitled "Lament for John Burke of Carrantrila." It is difficult, however, to discover any of the genius of Cormac Dall in the above composition.

In singing the song Mrs. Hoban repeats the chorus at the end of the fourth, as well as at the end of the eighth, line.

38.—an oroisneán oonn (i). (THE BROWN THORN-BUSH.)



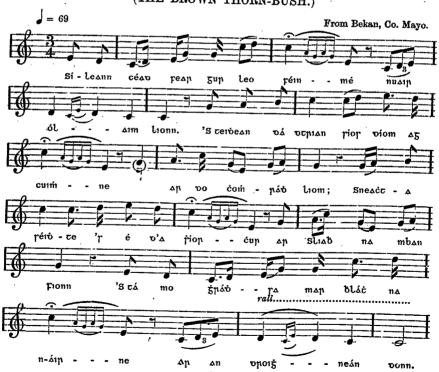
- 2. Anoir a cumainnín! ó cápta az imceacc cú, zo brittio cú rtán,
- Szeul cinnze zun manbuiż zú mo choroe in mo lán.
- πί' l maoin agam a cuippinn in το διαδ πά δάο,
- a'r 50 bruil an fainnge an a ceonainn eaunainn, a'r ni oual vain rnám.
- 3. Tá cluanaide óg de buadaill do mo meallad le bliadain
- πό 50 ησεληπαιό τέ 5 μαί συδ ι ίάη mo cléib;
- 'S món a meallao é, ná 'n beannuit ré mo méin i sceanc,
- ná 'n fillió ré! a'r cuille cubairc' cuige, nó go bpórraidean mé.

- 4. A muine vilir! céano oo véanfar mé, nuain imteocar tú uaim?
- πί'l eolar in το τις αςαπ, in το bealac 'ná το γράιο.
- τά mo beari go oub 1 οταλαή α'τ mo πάιτητη ταοι δηώη,
- a'r rá rip Éipeann i brao i breaph Liom, a'r mo gháo i brao uaim.
- 5. 1η γεαη και τέι LL α η αταδ ακ τη τειμ απ και τέι δέαδ άπο,
- A'r claide beag eile le n'a taob ann, an a Leagrainn mo lám.
- Σιό χυη b'άρο é an chann caontainn, bíonn ré reant ar a bánn
- a'r 50 brárann rmeuna, azur blát rúf chaob an an schann 17 frle blát.

TRANSLATION.

I. If I were a boatman, nicely would I sail o'er the sea, And I would write two lines with the top of my pen, I would be going through the meadows and squeezing her waist, And the day I could not coax a maid, the game would not be in me. | 2. Now, my love, since you are going, safely may you return; 'Tis true that you have deadened my heart within my breast. I have no wealth that I could send after you, nor even a boat, And the sea is in flood between us, and I cannot swim. | 3. There is a young coaxing boy who has beguiled me for a year, And he has made my heart like a lump of coal: Greatly was he deceived, that he didn't measure my thoughts aright; May he not return, and more misfortune to him—until I am married. | 4. And, Holy Mary! what will I do when you go away from me? I do not know your house, your way, or your street. My father is deep in the clay and my mother sorrow-laden, And all the men of Ireland in anger with me and my love far away. | 5. A foolish man would he be who would try a high fence While there is another small fence beside it, on which I could lay my hand, Though the quicken tree be high, it is bitter on the top, And blackberries and raspberries grow on the lowest tree.

39.—an oroitneán oonn (ii). (THE BROWN THORN-BUSH.)



2. Ο ά mbeinn 'mo δάσοιη ις σεας σο fnámrainn an fainnge anonn,

'S vo reniobrainn curac line le bann mo binn:

Γαηαοιη ξευη! ζαι mé α'γ τύ α ξηάδ mo τροιδε

1 ngleanntán rléibe le h-éinge gnéine 'r an opúct' na luige!

3. Cuipim réin mo mile rlán leat, a baile na Schann,

'S gad baile eile oá mbíoð mo triall ann; tr iomoa bealad rliud, ralad agur bóithín cam

'Cá 1011 mé 'zur an baile 'na bruil mo rocipin ann!

4. Ταθαίη πο mallace το σ'αταίη 'ρ του 'mátainín réin,

nán cus beagán cuigriona ouir mo lám oo Léigeam; 17 moč an maivin čuiprinn čužav-ra bniž mo rzéil,

bioo mo beannace agae go gearean one i

5. A muine vilear! cheur vo veunrav má imitigeann tú uaim;

ni'l eolur cum vo cife azam, vo ceaglaig,

τά mo máčaιμία ταοι leaż-τροm 'γ m'αταιμ ταιι μαιζ,

τά mó municin an rao 1 breanz liom, 'r mo gnáð 1 brao uaim!

6. má'r az imceace acáin uaim anoir, a múinnin, zo brille cú rlán!

tr veapora sun mamo cu mo chorde in mo

ni'l coice αξαπι το συιμειπι ατό τιαις, πά δάτο,

Tá an faiphse na cuite eachainn 'r ní h-éol com rnám.

TRANSLATION.

1. A hundred men think I am theirs when I drink beer, And two-thirds of them go down from me when I remember your conversation with me. Driven snow and it ever falling on fair Sliavnamon, And my love is like the sloe-blossom on the brown thorn-bush. | 2. Were I a boatman, merrily I'd sail o'er the sea, And I'd write you a line with the point of my pen; Alas! that I and you, oh affliction of my heart, are not In a mountain glen with the rising of the sun and the dew on the ground! | 3. I give my thousand farewells to you, village of the trees, And every other village where my footsteps used to be! It's many a damp, dirty road and crocked little way Lie between me and the village where my little treasure is. | 4. My curse upon your father and your little mother too, That they didn't give you a little sense to read my hand; It's early in the morning I'd send you the meaning of my story! My blessing be with you till I meet you alone. | 5. And, Holy Mary! what shall I do if you go away from me? I know not your house, your hearth or your abode; My little mother is distressed and my father in the grave, My people are all in anger with me, and my love far away! | 6. If now you are going from me, safely may you return, For surely you have killed the heart within my breast; I have no little skiff to send, nor a boat, after you. The sea is in flood between us, and I know not how to swim!

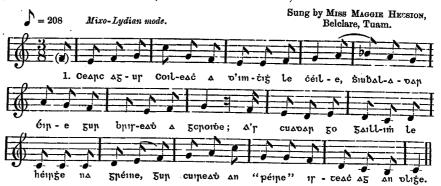
No (i) is a Connemara version of a well-known song, and was given to me by Maggie Hession.

The second air was given to me by a friend who is a native of Bekan, Co. Mayo. It is as he remembers it from the singing of his father. The words are taken from "Clampeac na nacional," Part I, No. 6. Other

versions have appeared in Hardiman's "Irish Minstrelsy," vol. I, p. 234; O'Daly's "Poets and Poetry of Munster," p. 238; Hyde's "Love Songs of Connacht," p. 30; Professor O'Maille's "Ampáin Claime Saeceal," p. 127.

Petrie has an air of this name, No. 451, and O'Neill in his collection gives three settings, Nos. 31, 32, and 33.

40.—cearc agus coileac. (A HEN AND A COCK.)



- 2. 17 az Uilliam ó h-Uileán a bí mao ap réapac,
- '5 τὰ mónόξα γθέιθε 'γ coυλαὸ 'γα θρημος, 50 υσάιτης απ γηρηματά 50 θάτιμα α'γ μερεμό, 'Sguab γε απ ρείμε ηγτικό 50 b'l'άτ-απ Ríog.
- 3. Oá breicteá 'ra 'n coileac lá aonaig 'rna rnáioib,
- haza bneág Larzain a'r Láimíní buide, Ceiche rpun rada de'n aingead Spáinneac, ruip'in a Láim, 'r é 'cigeacc man an Rig.
- 4. 'S at muileann na leice, 'read cuala mé an tháct air
- Az mnáib bí cocuirce le blácac seagáin móin.
- m'émin coilig bi agam le hagaio na réile májicain,
- Jup manduig na mná é le ouil ing a breoil;

- 5. tug riao irceac é gun rgan riao a cháma, '8 gun caic riao an lá rin rpóinceamail go leon.
- 's nant feann voit rpoilín a ceannac an rognam,
- 'πά απ έφοι α ποεαέαιο α ξεάιί αμ τυυ Connoae muifeó.
- 6. Bi ceanc at Seátán bán buổ beire 'ná péacót,
- Ub agur céao a nug ri ra lá.
- τάιπις απ γιοππας α παηθυις πα céaoca
- 'S tuz ré ve'n néim rin í irteac zo Slíab bán.
- 7. Oaimpeocato pi monuan, cuaopaill a'p caepen,
- 'muit an an "stage" or coinne Oúin-Móin,
 's an banna na Faillime leif rí an céao
 tlaob,
- Cleite ar mo "game" níon bainear 50 roill.

8. Ο' είμις πέ τιας αι παιοιι 'τα' ομύστα, πο capaillín cú liom 'τ πο παοαό beag bán.

Connaic mé an pionnac 'p é pièce puaièce, Sian inp an uaim 'p cloc an a ceann.

9. ταμμαίης mé απιαμ é 50 ποεαμπαό γέ υδάδτα,

Ann a bracaid a fúil nó loint a láin. Sé Comár De Dúnca an buacaillín rtiunta, Cuintead na ceanca 'r na coilit an rátáil. 10. "m' ocon"! app an ceape 'p i 'out ap
an branais,

"nac bhonac 'r nac oeonac le h-innrint mo

arain mo cloinne, 'r ceile mo leabtan, a' oul inr an boota a'r leac an a beal."

11. "Anoir," apr an ceapc, "ó cápla i m' baincheabaig mé,

ξηλίπης πό ἡιοςταν το υτέιξεαν 'γα τορέ; αξε θειμιπ πο παθλάς τηλτήση α άγ παινίπ Το πηλίθ Όσιμε θεαξαιπ' α παμθυιξ πο ξαπε."

TRANSLATION.

1. A hen and a cock set out together; They travelled Ireland till their hearts were broken. They went to Galway at the rising of the sun. Where they were both brought up by the law. 2. With William O'Helan they were a-grazing, Eating mountain berries and sleeping in the heather. Till the sheriff came, nimbly and briskly, And whipped them both into Athenry. 3. If you were to see the cock in the streets on a Fair Day. With his fine straw hat and yellow gloves; Four long spurs of Spanish silver, A whip in his hand and he coming like the king. 4. It was at Millbrook I heard talk of them, From the women who were fed on the buttermilk of Shane More. My little cock bird that I had for St. Martins That was killed by the women, in their desire for fresh meat. | 5. They took him in and they stripped his bones, And they spent that day merrily enough. Wouldn't it be better for them buy a good joint of meat Than the way their reputation went through county Mayo? | 6. Shane Baun had a hen prettier than a peacock. She laid a hundred and one eggs in a day. The fox that killed hundreds made his appearance And took her away with him to Sliabáne. | 7. Alas! she would dance a quadrille and a caper. Out on the stage opposite Dunmore, At the harbour of Galway she gave the first cackle. A feather was not yet pulled out of my game. | 8. I arose in the morning with the dew (on the ground), My strong hound with me and my little white dog. I saw the fox curled up and twisted Below in the cave and a stone on his head. | 9. I drew him back and he gave a groan, When I saw his eyes and the shanks of his paws. It was Thomas Burke, the miserable little boy, Who would find the hens and the cocks. | 10. "Ochone!" says the hen as she went up on the roost, "Is not the story I have to tell tearful and sad? The father of my little ones, and the spouse of my bed, Going into the pot and a lid on its mouth." | 11. "Now," says the hen, "since I am a widow, A grain I'll not pick till I go into the clay. But I give my curse both evening and morning To the women of Derrylahan who murdered my game."

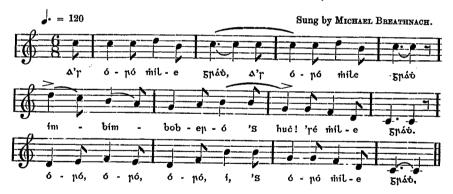
This song was given to me by my friend Maggie Hession with four verses. These were almost identical with this much longer version, which appeared in the "Tuam News," contributed by the late John Glynn, and printed in the "Romano Celtic" type, i.e. Roman type with dots for aspirates. This type

was the invention of Canon Ulick Bourke, author of the Irish Grammar, and sometime President of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam. It was first used in a monthly paper called the "Keltic Journal and Educator," published in Salford, Manchester, about 1870. When this paper ceased publication, two years later, the type was used for the printing of "O'Gallagher's Sermons," and for the Irish column of the "Tuam News." This paper also ceased publication about ten years ago, on the death of the editor, John McPhilpin, who was a nephew of Canon Bourke.

Petrie took down this song from Teige McMahon, in Co. Clare, in 1853, but in his "Ancient Music of Ireland" he states:—"The words of this song are inadmissible in this work."

The "multeann na teice" mentioned in the song is Millbrook, about seven miles from Tuam. It was the home of John Birmingham, the distinguished astronomer, whose relatives still live in the neighbourhood.

41.—a's ord mile gráo. (ORO, MY THOUSAND LOVES.)

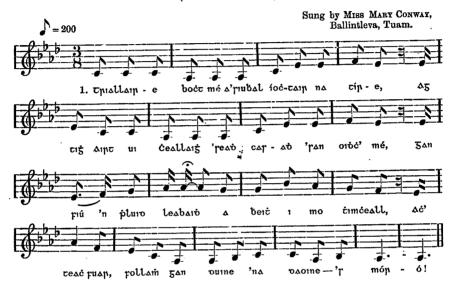


This is an example of the improvised "game" or "occupation" songs, once so common among the people, but now practically no more than a memory. They generally consisted of a refrain in which all joined, the same air being then used for a couple of improvised lines, of a more or less personal nature, made up in turn by each member of the gathering, after which all would again join in the chorus.

· Petrie has several examples of these songs.

42.—ART UA CEALLAIS.

(ART O'KELLY.)



- 2. támic apt ipteac cugam

 Ap buile agur baogalac,

 Níop oubaint ré "what's dapa"

 Tup fiarpuig ré díomra

 "What in the dickens,

 Ac, duine, cá mbíonn tú,

 Nó cé an cat mapb

 A car in mo típ tú?"—'r móp 6.
- 3. Labain mé leir
 De cóinnáo caoiceamail,
 Eun chiallaine bocc mé
 A cáinic 'ran crligereo,
 So ocáinic mé irceac
 So leispinn mo psic,
 's oá puidinn coir na sclaide amuig
 Da ruap pao' an oidc' i—'r món ó!
- 4. "Níon minic le chiallaine

 à ceace i mo cig-je,

 Níon cáime aniam

 Agur ní ciocraid coide.

 Ni'l i mo ceac-ra

 àce mire 'r m' ingean

 Agur dá mainead m' acain

 ní béaprainn blar bid oó''—'r món ó!
- 5. "Outhe bona c'acath
 fuath ó bo gaol cú,
 man' bougcá bó
 Cear ceine ná bíbean.
 Céab glóth bo na h-arpoil,
 nac bruil ó mo gaol leac,
 nuath nac buine cú
 tr coramail le chíorcaibe"—'r món ó!

6. "Cao cuize nán turò tú
Coir clarde eicínt nó dívean,
Zan a ceact i mo ciz-ra
an thát ú n dí v' dide?
Sin nó a' dul zo dtí tabainne
Az caiceam do pizinn' ann.
Huain a bínn réin thiallaineact
Siúd é a déanainn "—'r món ó!

7. "Leis ve vo cuio cluainiseacta
Anoir, Aint, 'r ná ril é;
ní cuinrid tú amac mé
Com nérd agur rilin,
ni'l aon teac leanna
Anoir i Broirseact cúis míle,
's ba nó-món é m' faitcíor
So scarraide an t-rluas ride onm''—'r món ó!

8. " Ouine σοπα, πεαξτα τ΄ ι΄,
'Τά τ΄ μό είξεαμ,
1η τογαίπαι Ι πάμ Ιέιξ τ΄ ι΄
Απίαι Βομιρτίτη πό δίοδια.
πί μαιδ Ιειτέισε αμιαίπ απη
Αξυη πί δέιδ τοιδέε
Αξυη τη ριγεόιξί ται Ιεαξ τας,
Απ τιπεαδ αμ σίοδ τ΄ ι΄— ' τ πό ρ΄ ε΄.

9. Hi'l fior agam réin
Cé'n rpailpin óinmió tú
A gororead mo hata
Mo cót' 'r mo brirte,
A gororead an carún
A béad i brhaiteacaib an tige agam
Agur imteócad an maroin
Sul dá n-éinigead mo daoine "—'r món ó!

10. " ní ouine oe'n c-rónt rin mé, Aint, 'r ná ríl é, Act buacaillín múinte Oe bunao na tíne. téizim-re a coolao le cuivim na h-oiòce, Azur ní éinitim an maioin So leizcean céao tlaoò onm"—'r món 6!

11. Cuaro ant a coolao
1 geronn uain' o' oroce.
an cunne' an an aitir
nanb' émige do coroce!
man nion onourg ré dom-ra
Cear terne na vioean,
act mo rurbe an a' geataorn
's a ingean an taorb brom''—'r mon ó!

12. Labain an ingean

De cómhád caoiteamail.

"an bruil do ciall agat

nó 'n maineann do caoimteac?

nó da mbéad fior agam

Sun duine de bhíg tú

Cóineócainn do leabaid

'Sur cuippinn' do luige tú "—'r món ó!

18. "Cairre m'anam,
Asur cuirle mo choide!
ní insean do Ant tú,
man tá tú lásac caoiteamail.
meineac sun nó-món é m'faitcior
so bruil ó mo saol leat,
bad món é mo sean ont,
A cailín spoideamail"—'r món 6!

14. "Dá mbéað fior agam
nac bruil ó mo gaol leac
Cóineócainn do leabaið
Agur cuinrinn do luige cú.
Cuinrinn mo gúna onc
Can ó an oidce
Agur go deimin réin caicrinn leac
Cancannar míora"—'r món ó!

TRANSLATION.

1. I am a poor traveller, Walking the south: To Art O'Kelly's house, I chanced to come one night. I had not even a quilt Which would be around me, But a cold empty house Without one person in it. | 2. Art came into me, Furious and threatening. He didn't say, "What's dara?" Until he accosted me, "What in the dickens? But fellow, where do you be, Or, what in the mischief Turned you into my territory!" | 3. I addressed him In leisurely fashion, That I was a poor traveller Who came by this way, That I just came in Only to rest myself, And that if I sat abroad by the hedge Cold and long would the night be. | 4. "Not often has a traveller Come into my house, No one ever came, And no one ever will. I have in my house Only myself and my daughter, And if my father were living A taste of food I'd not offer him." | 5. "A miserable man must the father be Who had you for a son, If you wouldn't give him Fire's heat nor shelter. The Apostles be praised That you're not of my family; For you are not one Who acts like a Christian." | 6. "Why didn't you rest yourself Beside some fence or shelter And not come to my house At this time of night? That, or to go to a tavern And spend your money there: When I travelled myself That's what I used to do." | 7. "Leave off your clowning Now, Art, and don't think it, You'll not put me out As easily as you imagine. There is no ale house Within five miles of us, And my fear would be great That the fairies would meet me." | 8. "A wretched cowardly man are you And you are very eager; Likely you never read The Scriptures or the Bible. Such things there never were And never will be, They're only old women's pishogues, The stock that you sprung from. | 9. Neither do I know What fool of a tramp you may be, Who might steal my hat, My coat, and my trousers; Who might steal the hammer I'd have in the rafters And clear off in the morning Before my household awakened." | 10. "I'm not a man of that kind, Art, and do not think so. But a well-mannered boy Of the native stock of the country. I go to my bed At the fall of the evening, And I don't rise in the morning Till I am called a hundred times." 11. Art went to sleep After an hour of the night. Because of the insult (to me) May he never get up again! As he didn't order for me Fire or shelter, But (left me) seated on a chair And his daughter beside me. | 12. The daughter spoke (to me) In gentle conversation. "Are you in your senses Or is your wife living? If only I knew You were a person of repute, I'd get ready your bed And put you lying in it." | 13. "Treasure of my soul, And pulse of my heart! You're no daughter of Art, For you're kindly and homely. If I were not afraid That you were my relation, My love for you would be great, My generous girl." | 14. "If only I knew That you were not my relation, I'd make ready your bed And put you lying in it. I'd put my gown over you For the night, And surely I'd spend with you A month of friendship."

Sung to me by Mary Conway, Ballintleva, Tuam.

For the history of this song and another long version of it see "Ceótcaib titao," p. 41. A version was printed in the "Dundalk Democrat" in 1907, with a refrain, "ip im bó"; and in another version I have seen the refrain, "ip caom bó." I have been interested to find this Western version of this song, as I have been told that it is equally well known in the North and the South. I have left the air in the key in which it was sung to me.

43.—Cúirne máire (i), (MARY'S SPINNING WHEEL.)

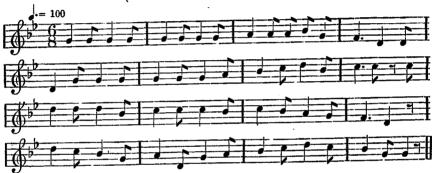


44.—Túirne máire (ii). (MARY'S SPINNING WHEEL.)





45.—τύιπης máire (iii). (Mary's spinning wheel.)



3. tíor i gcill Manntáin pinnead an thomán, tuillead món 'gur páite,
De chámaid an geappáin pinnead an biopán a'r caiteadap i briadhair' Máine é.
Dí ceathar ag rhíom ó maidin go raoide',
's octar 'ran oide ag cápdáil.
Mac ruapac a rhíom do cailímb tige,
leat-tugta ag rhíom an lá rin?

4. 11 h - i mo bean-ra bean an cúinne, Acc ciblín múince béarac, A cor o'á rciún' an maide cúnna 's a lám as déanam néidceacc'. Da cuaic an rcúmpa, rlinneán rchumpuisce, Cuiseal cam, san raoidim leir, leasadan rúm an sliosaine cúinne san ruaim, san ciúin, san sléar leir.

5. Hac é fin an cúinne ciúin fan cuinte a bhir mo choide fan leifear onm, a' oul tan muin a' cónuifeacc fuinnim, 's deaman fin fháite a fhíomrad fé. Cúinne 'fur eiceal, ceap afur chomán, péine láimín a' déanam héideacc', cuscan i mo látain bhirte nó flán, ir chuaid an cár nac nsléarrainn.

6. πας ε για αι τύιρητε τη τριμαίο α δειτ δυαί ας η αιδιείητε τυαίτ τη παργάιτ, το δεαρτυτήσει το φύται ας τιήσεις σάρ πούτρεις

the an mbotán cuis a' scannán. bean-cise fúsac, clirce, luatman, a' preascal chiúin 'r í a' cándáil, le n-a feanfaid-ún a lax-a-loodle 'S san neant ná cumact a cánntáil. 7. δυαίτσαη αι milleán αη γαζαμτ αι ραμότητε,

Μαμ 'γε α carc τώς αι Lae Leir,

Μυπα δρυίλ γε ι ποάι σο'ι σμεαι γεο δίδιμο

πά αι σιγις πασιάτα α ταιμήτειπο.

πίλ Οσώπας απαλλ ο δαίπαι απυας

πας σσείξεατι γε τρίο αι είσεαδ.

nac chuag lear máine buaideanta, cháidte,

υ' εαγδαιό άδδαιη α léinteóige.
8. Ταη έιγ α πουβαίητ mé, ni'l γέ ι υτιώιη
50 κτιμιό mé α' γιυδαλ έ ι πδάρας,

Sior 50 Cill Alaró a' réacame an earbuis

To ocógrató ré ruar in a láim é.

man bi ré malluizte ni réivin a beannuzat

So océigió ré cun áno naoim páonais, Le neanc a foinne 'r a méio a fluisread ní coinneócad ceachan rnaice leir.

9. Leigear mo τύηπα πί'l ας αοπ μοιπε, ας γαςαμτ, δμάταιη, πά εlείμεας, 50 υταςαιύ Μας Ruaváin ατά 1 π-α τμαππόις ταll αη ταυδ απ τ-γlείδε: Μαη 17 αιςε δί απ τ-άυδαη le n-α τόπημά, α δαιπεαγ υο'π ύγάιυ τέαυπα; Μά'γ γίοη α τόπημά le πα γρόταιι, έιμεοται γεί της πα γρέταται δ.

TRANSLATION.

1. Oh. gentle Mary! Christmas is nigh, Now with the help of the High King, Cast your wheel from me, away to the demon, With its three new legs from Spain on it: Spindle from London, stock from Limerick, Distaff from above in Leinster, A band of silk the best in this And your spinning wheel will be satisfactory. | 2. Mary's wheel is the satisfactory wheel, It has travelled through a great part of Ireland. There's not a hill or glen to which it has gone Where it did not show its good qualities. It spent a day on the brink of Kinsale, At a bend in the mountain valley; The fairy women on the side of Knock-Ma Spun with it lawn and cambric. 3. Down at Wicklow the spindle-band was made Something more than three months ago, The spit was made from the bones of the old horse, And they threw it down before Mary. Four were spinning from morn till eve, And eight were carding at night. Was it not poor spinning for the girls of the house, And they half exhausted, spinning that day? | 4. It isn't my wife who sits at the wheel, But Eveleen, polite and well mannered: The foot-board directed by her foot, And her hands keeping it in position. The post was crooked (?), a cross-beam rigid, A distaff bent and useless. They threw me down the rattling wheel, Without sound or tune or order in it. | 5. Is not that the wheel that is gentle and tireless, That broke my heart without a cure for me, Going over the sea seeking strength, And not a thread would it spin? A wheel, and bobbin, stock and spindle band, A pair of hands directing it, Let it be brought to me whole or broken, It's a bad case or I'll mend it. | 6. Isn't it hard for this spinning wheel to endure, At the hands of madmen and flyaway jacks (?), With the trickery of fairies coming to waken us, In the hut beside the hill? A merry housewife, clever and nimble, Attending to three people and carding With her new spindle a lax-a-loodle And powerless to help them! | 7. On the parish priest be all the blame, For he spent the morning with it, If he isn't able to drive away this host, Or offer up the Holy Office. There isn't a Sunday from November on That he doesn't go through the vestments; Do you not pity Mary troubled and annoyed Without the makings of his surplice? | 8. After all I have said, it isn't in tune, Until I send it off to-morrow

Down to Killala to see the Bishop, That he may take it up in his hand. For it was cursed and cannot be blessed, Till it comes to the Hill of St. Patrick, With the size of its snout and the amount it would swallow, Four couldn't keep spinning with it. | 9. A cure for my wheel there is not anywhere With Priest, Brother, or Cleric Until Mac Ruane comes who is in the crannoge Away up on the side of the mountain. For 'tis he has the way of speaking to it Ir language to suit the occasion: If there's truth in the words which he said to the spokes, It will rise up into the skies.

I think there is no part of Connacht where this song is not known, nor is there anyone who does not understand the threat implied in the phrase, "I'll give him Túinne Máine." It needs a good "blas" and a very nimble tongue, such as only a native speaker possesses, to do justice to this song.

Mary Conway, from whom I got the first air, sings it in a fine swinging style.

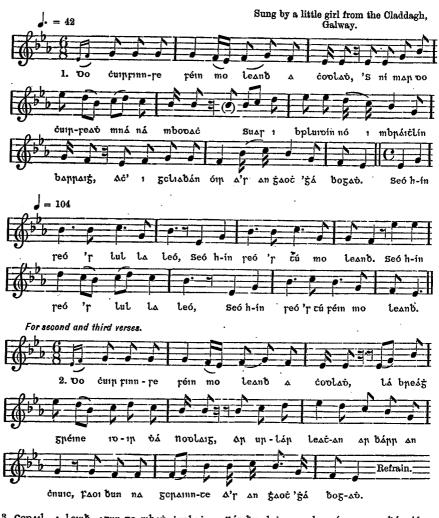
The second air is the more familiar one. I took it down many years ago from Mr. Patrick Garvey—then a student of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam—and I heard it afterwards from many others.

The third air I never heard before; it was sent to me by my friend Mrs. Conor Maguire, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.

A version of this song was published a few years ago by Gill and Son, Dublin, to the same air as No. (ii), and the editor there states that the author of the song was a Mayo man, Owen MacGowan by name, who was known as the "Poet of Coolcarney," Ballyconlan, Co. Mayo. The heroine of the song is Mane Jordan, an old lady, feeble and half blind, upon whom some practical joker plays a trick, by putting her wheel out of order. She, unaware of this, attributes its defection to the malice of the fairy host, and she is here supposed to be travelling from place to place seeking a cure for it.

As with all the more popular songs, it has evidently become much corrupted, and it is difficult to make much sense of it now.

46.—seó h-ín seó. (SHÓHEEN-SHO.)



8. Codail, a leint, agur go mbat coolat plán tuit Ar do coolat go deugait eu do fláinte: nấp buailið an coiliz ná zpeim an báip tú, Salpa na leand, ná an bolzac żpánva. Seó h-ín peó, etc. With my arms I'll lay you to rest, my 2. I'll lay you to rest in a sleep untroubled baby,
 On a quiet day in the height of summer,

And not as the wife of a bodach would lay you

In a blanket's fold or a sheet to swathe you, But a cradle of gold with the wind to sway you.

> Shóheen shó, and lú la ló, Shóheen shó, my darling baby; Shóheen shó, and lú la ló, Shóheen shó, my own sweet baby.

I'll lay you to rest in a sleep untroubled
 On a quiet day in the height of summer,
 On the broad clean floor of the hills, on the summit,

In shade of the trees, with breezes to lull you.

3. And into your rest may pleasant dreams come,

And health be yours, my babe, from your sleeping;

And I pray that no colic or child's diseases, Nor any finger of death may reach you.

I heard a little girl from the Claddagh singing this song on one occasion when I was acting as adjudicator at a Féis at Galway. I knew the Petrie version of the song very well, so that I was able to note the slight variants in the words. I learned the air afterwards from her, but unfortunately I omitted writing it down. Later, however, I heard that Mr. O'Sullivan, N.T., organist of St. Patrick's Church, Galway, had taken it down from the same child, and I wrote to him asking for his record. I was fortunate in having done so, for in addition to sending me this air—which was exactly as I remembered it—he enclosed another fine air, "An Öpunnuttin Öeupac," which he had taken down from an old man in Barna, Galway. The little girl told me she had learned the song from her grandmother, who came from Clare.

Petrie has a beautiful air to this song, No. 1011; but I think the barring is wrong, as the strong beat falls on an unaccented word.

I had first written this song in 3 time, as also had Mr. O'Sullivan, but, not being quite satisfied, I applied to a musical friend who is also a Gaelic scholar, and we agreed to render it as it is here given.

A fine translation of the Petrie version was made years ago by Dr. George Sigerson, and the air was arranged by Sir Charles Stanford.

47.—an cailín deas 65. (The pretty young girl.)



- 3. bíob rí lágac óg gan maing gan gnuaim, Scuamba go leon an gac uile rónc nib, Cuigrineac nó-bear gan an iomanca bhóio, Siúo í mo rcóinín vá mbéab rí gan píginn.
- Tá mbéinn-re com claon ir go n-éalócainn le mnaoi,
 Tac é rin an nio a nacao or ano,
- πί δέαο εασμαινη ζοιός ας τροιο αξυγ δημιζεάν,
- 'S gan cion aici'n mò o'á nglacrao mo lám.
- 5. Ὁ ἀ ἀιώη' 140 na mná τά 'n anačain 10nnτa, ni réivin le rάιν ná le ril' a ἀυη rior, 'Sé μαὰαν νά ηςμάν ἀσινά' in mo lán, ό ἐσιγιξεαπη γε α' τμάξαν πό 50 brilliù γε 'nirc.

TRANSLATION.

1. The pretty young girl I am in search of, My tormenting sorrow, that her I don't meet, When I go to the tavern, the dance, or the merry-making! But I shall follow her in the road at the hour of midnight. | 2. As you are an honest man, who travels much, Get for me a jewel who

will be my wife. Don't seek after wealth of sheep, or of kine, But I will tell you how you will select her. | 3. Let her be kindly and young, without sadness or ill-humour, Sufficiently skilled in everything, Intelligent and pretty, and without too much pride; Such would be my treasure though she had not a penny. | 4. Were I so depraved as to run away with a woman, Is not that the thing that would go abroad; We would never have anything but trouble and quarrelling, And she would sympathise with nothing my hand would take. | 5. However quiet the women are, the mischief is in them, Which prophet or poet cannot describe: All of their love that would ever enter my breast, Would be from the ebb to the flow of the tide.

I first heard this song from Mr. Sheridan, N.T., Milltown, and have since heard it from many others. I think its popularity is largely due to Mr. Michael Timony, who published the words of it in his "Δήμάιη ξαεὐίζε απ 1αμάαιμ." I am including it here without his permission, as I do not know where he is. I have been told that he returned to Australia.

In a note on the song he states that he took it down from a man in Achill, Co. Mayo. See also "Ampain Claimne Sacocal," p. 38.

48.—an caicín bán.

(THE LITTLE WHITE CAT.)



2. Ο ' έτριξ αι πάταιρίη γιας ' η-α γεαγαπ πιαιρ α γιαιρ γί α παιοίη γίησε; τις γί α δαιί.' έ, ' γ ριξηε γί leaba, α' γ τογιιξ γί απηγη σ' ά ταοιπεαδ. Απ ταιτίη δάη, etc.

3. Bí poinne v'á clainn ag Ainopiú, an oall, a'r tángadap i bpáipe v'á caoinead:
Cá mé deaphta, má cloireann Barry é,
náp mait leir bár cait bpigde.
An caitín bán, etc.

4. Nion buir ré comna ná glar comantan, a'r im na mbó nion mill ré.
Agur ní raca tú ac' an reancur
bi 'g na lucannaib o'á innreact.
an caitín bán, etc.

5. Da ţlar i a fúil 'r ba vear a fiubal, a cormeiţ lúcinan éaochom: 1r meara liom riúo ag oul raoi 'n úin ná cúiţe muinan o'á éirceacc. an caicín bán, etc.

6. Bí chuit an bhuim an caitín báin Com món le "jug" thí píonta, A'r nán bear an "show" as baoinib móna an caitín poll bear Bhisoe. An caitín bán, etc.

7. Cuippi máipcín tlaitéin cómha cláin ain, a'r ir pig-maic uaid rin a déanam, Agur manac an c-am a druain ré bár geodamuir áddan caointe.

An caicin bán, etc.

TRANSLATION.

1. The little grey cat was walking prettily, When she found her little son stretched (dead), And 'twas only a year since she found her family Cast out and drowned in a trench. The little white cat, white, white, The little white cat, Breed's cat, The little white cat, snowy white, That was drowned in the trench. | 2. The little mother stood upright When she found her little son dead; She brought him in and made a bed for him, And then began to lament him. | 3. Andrew, the blind, had some of her family, And they came together to lament him. I am sure if Barry hears it, He will regret the death of Breed's cat. | 4. He broke no chest, nor lock of the neighbours, Nor did he destroy the cows' butter. And you never heard such discourse, As the mice had in telling of it | 5. His eye was grey, his walk was pretty, His step was light and active: And I'd far rather be going into the clay, Than that the province of Munster should hear of it. | 6. The little white cat had a hump on his back. As big as a three-pint jug. Wasn't he a fine show for the gentry to see, Poll, Breed's pretty little cat? | 7. Walter's Martin will put a wooden coffin on him, And it's he that is well able. And were it not for the time at which he died. We should have every cause for lamenting.

I took this song down from Miss Annie Hession (now Mrs. Keane), who heard it in Spiddal. It was taught to the school children there by Mr. Thomas Colman, N.T., now Inspector of schools. He tells me he heard some of the old people in the neighbourhood singing it. It was first printed in "Slampa an Seimpio," p. 55.

49.—an caisideac bán. (FAIR CASSIDY.)



2. Δη ceann an γταιξης τά γιώη τας maigσεαη,

'si muo meropeog an bpollant báin. Ir chuat nac liom i, gan buaro ná punnc

A'r i beit gan cunntar liom an láim. Véanrainn teac món tí an rúil an bótain, Agur cuinrinn cóirte raoi n-a clainn, A'r a cúilín ómna, tá mhligteá bó tom, in to ceangal rógmain ní cuinrinn ruim. 3. nac airceac an néarún le sun cuin cú i scéill com

πας θράγραδ απ ρέαμ τρίο απ ταλατή απίση,
πας ποέαπραδ απ ξεαλας γολαγ σο έπριπη
Δ'γ πας λαγραδ πα μέαλτα ι στάγ πα hοιτός ?
πί'λ θρίξ πά γρησασαδ ι στεαγ πα ξρέπο
Δ'γ 50 γπάτη το λα λάτης αρ αππιτη ξαπ θραση;
Δ'γ 50 π-έιριξιδ πα τιπίτε δοτή hάρο λειγ πα
γλέιδτε

50 σοο ní τη έις το mé ξηάο mo τροισε.

4. 'S bi me realad as róslum déanla,
'S συδαιπε an cléin so mba mait mo caine,
an rad úd eile, san onnra céille,
act man na héininid radi bánn na schann;
amuis 'ran dide san rarsad ná dídean,
asur rheact' dá rídh-cun radi idean sleann;
'Sur a cúilín donn-dear an caill me na
snádaim leac
nán rásaid cú na snárcaí, mun n-éaluisin
liom.

5. Bí mé i gcoláirte go ham mo beáppta Agur inr an ápo-rgoil an read cúig bliadain Go bruain mé oideadar 7 cómainle ó'n Eaglair Act ranaoin cháidte, bhir mé thío! 1 η ηίοξ-πόη π' ταιτείος μοιή βίξ πα ηξηάτα πας θεμιλ τό ι ποάη το υτιοτραυ ταομ, παη 17 πό πο ρεακατό πά λεας όμμαις τό τοπαις.

man žeall an žnáo a čuz mé o' inžin maoin.

6. Siúo í capainn í, an eala bán-vear, Agur í com gléarca le bean an bic; Chuag man geinead í 1 mbnuinn a mácan, man ir le hagaid mo báir a nugad í.
níl bun cíbe ná culán cimiceall ná gleanncán aoibinn a mbíonn mo gnád nac bruil ceol vá feinnim ann ve ló ir v'oidce,

Α'τ 50 βτόιμιο Chiort an an 5Cairioeac ban!

TRANSLATION.

1. I was one fine day making a pilgrimage to the Reek, And was going down on the far side of it, In quest of the girl who left my mind troubled And made my heart like a lump of coal. My shoulders swelled right up to my ears, And death sent me a short, sharp summons, And all who heard my story at the time Said that a hard lot had befallen fair Cassidy. | 2. At the head of the stairs is the flower of maidens, She is the joyful maiden of the white breasts. Alas! that she is not mine without conquest or money, And now in my hands without reckoning to pay. I would build her a house in view of the road And procure a coach for her children: And my girl of the amber hair, if you milked the cow for me, I wouldn't mind how you would tie sheaves in Autumn. | 3. Isn't it a strange reason by which you made me believe That the grass would not grow up through the land, That the moon would not give light over Ireland, And that the stars would not shine at the fall of night? There is no strength nor vigour in the heat of the sun. But until the fishes shall swim in a waterless sea, And the floods shall rise above the tops of the mountains, I will never desert the love of my heart. | 4. I spent a time learning the English language. And the clergyman told me my accent was good: For another long while was I without an atom of sense, But just as the birds on the tops of the trees. Out at night, without shelter or cover, And snow falling heavily in the valley below; And my pretty girl for whose sake I have lost my degree, May you not get grace if you don't come away with me. | 5. I was at College till the age of shaving, And five more years in the High School, Where I got education and advice from the Church, But my bitter grief! I broke through it all. Great is my fear before the King of Grace That I am not destined to come to salvation, For my sins are greater than half of Croagh Patrick On account of the love I gave the steward's daughter. | 6. There she is going past us, the pretty white swan, And she as well dressed as a woman could be: Alas! that she was born in the womb of her mother, For she was born to be the death of me. There is no sedge-bottom nor hillock around, Nor any pleasant glen that my love frequents In which music is not played both day and night; And may Christ help fair-haired Cassidy.

I wrote down this air from Martin O'Brien, N.T., Belclare, Tuam, who learned it from an old man in Ballycastle, Co. Mayo, with the exception of the slight variants in the first verse. He sang it to the version published in "Δmμám Clanne ξαεὐεαί," p. 22, by Professor O'Máille, five verses of which I give here with his permission.

I got another version from Pat O'Neill, Drumgriffin, who sang it to the same air as "Anac-Cuam"; and a third one from the late John Glynn, Tuam.

Professor O'Máille in his volume on Carolan (*Irish Texts Society*, vol. xvii) says that Cassidy was a poet of North and East Connacht, but probably came originally from Ulster.

In "Stamps on Beimpio" there is a song given under the title "An

Catarac bán."

Petrie has an air of this name, No. 1269.

50.—comás bán mac aodagáin.



2. A'r tainic Comar ban an cuaint cusam, 'r me i n-uaisnear liom rein.

'Seupo oubaint re, " ná bíod buaidnead ont,
ná nuo an biť man é,

'Sé vo cuilín vualac a manbuit mé, 'r i ngeall am chocraivean mé,

'S gun meana liom go món tú ná mo máithín 'cá 'mo béib.''

3. α'ρ α comappanna τρ α comatpleaca, πά τότςτο ορω έ,

má cuaro mé az múnao an eoluir le reóipín geal mo cléib.

ni bruain mé 'piain onoc-eolur ain 50 roill ó nusao mé,

a'r mun breicinn act az zabáil an bóithín é, zo otóigread ré mo choide.

- 4. A'r cá cuipead go Cill Coinne opainn a'r caicream a dul ann,
- béro ann reigiún ceachannac ioin Saeoil a'r Clainne Sall,
- ni olignoean ann acc being eicing, 'p chocparoean iau, mo léan!
- map τά τοπάς bán mac Δοδαξάιη 'ς mac uí maoláin le n-a caob.
- 5. Δ tomáir báin 50 cinnte, 'r τά γελης 'r γτόρ mo choibe
- A tomáir a ocus mé sean ouic reacar reanaib 65' an craosail,
- Chochaidean cá so cinnee mun' bruil as sháreaid Ué,
- 'S a dia, nac món an reall é, an plannoa bneát man é.
- 6. 'S a Comáir báin thic Aodagáin, 'ré mo léan tú a' oul 1 scéin,
- A'r ce hiongnad Liom do maithin beit bhonac in do diaid.

- Oá mbeiteá an teabait an báir aicí, cia 'n cár tí tú beit tinn,
- Ac' oo chocao ar na ráltacaib, 'r an báirteac le oo onuim!
- 7. A'r ni rlao mainirchead ná teampaill a ninne rtón mo choice,
- πί reoil ná ξέιρ α ταπητυις ré, ná μυσ αρ διτ man é,
- ac' man feall an bólact Stanley vo chocav é, mo léan!
- 'S an té a bruil grao oo Clainn na nEall aige, an ceann go gcaillio ré.
- 8. θειό τάποι δηεάς, λάισιη ας τεαέτ le ττόη mo choide,
- béro Feanaltaig Cluain Oálaig 'r anm oeans an Ríog,
- béro majon og ó conaill 'r ó ceallaig ar Cluain aoio
- 'S oá mbéao thiún man Ó Conaill óg agam, ní chochaide rtón mo choide.

TRANSLATION.

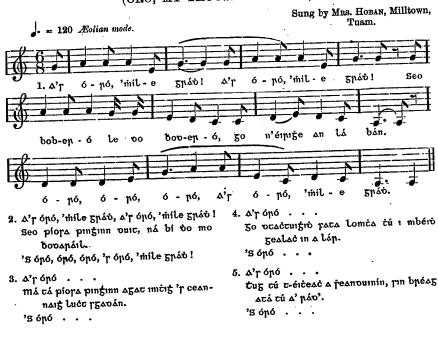
1. Coming from the wake-house I first knew my love, My torment and my sorrow, that I did not spend the night at home. The pang goes right through me, and for ever rests in my heart. Ah! my treasure, if you will not come with me, I won't be alive in a month. | 2. Thomas Bán came to visit me, when I was lonely by myself, And he said, "Don't be troubled, or in any way upset, It's your flowing hair has distracted me, and on that account I shall be hanged: And you are dearer to me than my mother whom I leave behind me." | 3. Oh! neighbours and I never got a bad account of him since the day I was born, And if I only saw him going the boreen it would raise up my heart. | 4. We are summoned to Kilkenny, and we must go: There will be Quarter Sessions there of Irishmen and foreigners. There will be only one pair adjudged, and they, alas! will be hanged, Namely, Fair Thomas Egan, and Whelen by his side. | 5. Oh! Fair Thomas, assuredly you are the love and treasure of my heart. Oh! Thomas, whom I loved beyond the young men of the world. You will surely be hanged unless God's grace assists you, And, oh God! what a crime it would be such a fair plant as he. | 6. Oh! Fair Thomas Egan, 'tis my grief that you're going away, And I am not surprised that your mother is sad after you. If you were on your death-bed before her, she would never mind your being sick, But to be hanged by the heels and the rain beating down on your back! | 7. It was not the robbing of a monastery or of a church that my love had done. It wasn't meat or fat that he coveted, or any thing of the kind. But on account of the cattle of Stanley, he was hanged, my grief! And may he who loves the foreigners, may he lose his head. | 8. There will be a fine strong guard coming with the love of my heart; There will be Fitzgerald of Cluandaly, and the red army of the King. Young Major O'Connell will be there, and Kelly of Cluan-ee; And if only I had three men like young O'Connell, the treasure of my heart would not be hanged.

I got the words and air of this song from Mr. Pat O'Neill, Drumgriffin. With slight variants the song is given in "Ampain Claime Facceal," p. 45. Professor O'Maille in the notes appended to the song says that Egan was a Mayo man who "ran away" with the daughter of a man named Stanley, one of the privileged English settlers. The eloping party were pursued by Stanley, and Egan was seized and cast into prison. In accordance with the peculiar administration of the law of the time, where a mere Irishman was concerned, the sentence passed on him was "to be hanged by the heels." But tradition has it (though verse 7 seems to the contrary) that his lady-love composed this song for the occasion and secured his pardon.

Mr. Philip Waldron tells me that the song is still very popular in Connemara.

The air is a well-known one. For variants see Petrie, Nos. 26, 48, and 109.

51.—ORÓ, 'MÍLE BRÁO. (ÓRÓ, MY THOUSAND LOVES.)



 6. α'r όρό 85 ο α'r γ5 ο α λο ο α λο ο α και α και	 a'r όρό "Caroline ar Ballindine" 'r "leggings' ar an ξελίη. 'S όρό
7. Δ'ŗ όρό 'Smaič coltap céacta téanfat an t-rhón	16. Δ'γ όρό
8. A'r ónó mair'! ir mait an piortal póca téanrat an c-rnón an to that-ra.	17. A'r ópó \$ab mo \$páō 50 Saranna a5 raopaí púnt 'ra lá. 'S ópó
'S ónó 9. A'r ónó 5ab'riudal i 5Cill-cluaine maioin onúcca le mo fnáo.	 18. Δ'γ όρό 5Δb το ξράτο το Βαγαπα γαιθρέτητα οι αρ πα ππά. 'S όρό
'S ono 10. a'r ono 50 riubailrinn-re páinc a' Ceampaill	19. Δ'r όρό
Δη mo ζίμιπο le mo ζηάο. 'S όρο 11. Δ'γ όρό	20. A'r ónó Ostinreocann-re níl le rcón mo choroe an caob na cannaise báin'. 'S ónó
O'feicreá tall i Sarana an larat atá an mo thát! 'S ónó	21. A'r ónó Tá páincín na react n-achaide ag Sigte 'gur ag Seagán.
 12. α'r όρό τά ἰαγαὸ ὑιιὸε πα hειτιππε ι ὑρὶιιςίπ τος ξηάὸ'. 'S όρό 	'S όηό 22. Δ' τ όηό Τά ράιμείη πα τεαέτ η-ατηαιύε ταοι
13. A'r óno cuaid mo fnád an baile reo irrif in a "jaunting car." 's ónó	23. Δ' τόμό Βόταιμία ξαιαιτά τίμο απ εαπιαό ας Sigle ζυγ ας Seagán. 'S όμό
14. A'r ónó níon żad vo żnáv an baile reo ó żoiv ré an zannoal bán. 'S ónó	24. Α'ς όρό Ό πθέαὸ ξράινης "pepper" αρ το

- - '5 όηό . . .
- 27. Δ' τ όηό

 1 τ 1 οπο α ματρ φεαππαι ή τεαρ τασα τασαί

 6' η θτεαρ ξεαρρ,
 '5 όηό
- 28. A'r ónó . . .

 uirse bos a'r bannac buide a bruil as

 cailleacaib le rásáil.

 's ónó . . .

- 30. Δ'γ ορό . . . "Your love would eat as much ceallaig (colcannon) as would plaster a stone wall."
 'S όπό . . .
- 31. A'r ónó
 "Your love would carry the kettle for the
 sake of the bnacán (gruel)."
 "S ónó
 "S ónó
- 32. Δ'γ όρό . . . "My love would carry the sack, where another γηως (lout) would fall."
 '5 όρό . . .

TRANSLATION.

1. Oró, my thousand loves, Here's boberó come to bother you till the bright day comes. | 2. Here's a penny for you, and don't be annoying me. | 3. If you have a penny piece, go and buy a load of herrings. | 4. May a peeled potato with a moon in its middle choke you. | 5. You are a liar, little old man, those are lies you are telling. | 6. Skib and skab bracked skins, and it isn't a lie I am telling. | 7. Your love's nose would make a fine coulter for a plough. | 8. Musha! your love's nose would make a fine pocket pistol. | 9. To walk in Killchooney on a dewy morning with my love. | 10. That I might walk the church field on my knees with my love. | 11. You'd see beyond in England the radiance of my love. | 12. There is the yellow blush of consumption on the cheeks of your love. | 13. My love went through this town in his jaunting car. | 14. Your love did not pass this townland since he stole the white gander. | 15. A caroline from Ballindine and leggings out of Claremorris. | 16. Up and down, etc. :— | 17. My love went to England to earn a pound a day. | 18. Your love went to England to live at the women's expense. | 19. My love went to England to buy cloth for a mantle. | 20. I'd dance a reel with the treasure of my heart beside the white rock. | 21. Sheela and John have the little seven-acre field. | 22. Your love has stocked the seven-acre field with crows. | 23. Sheela and John have a little sandy road through the marsh. | 24. If there was a grain of pepper on your lip no bobero would be better. | 25. I thought for a time, long ago, that my love was a steward's son. | 26. It's lies you're telling, you leprehaun and you ragman. | 27. Many a time the tall man bought potatoes from the small man. | 28. Soft water and yellow tow, which is all the old women get. | 29. God and Mary prevent it; it's nicely they rock the cradle.

52.—SAL-1ú-nú-Aer-1.



2. Sal-1ú-nú-sep-i, Rú-nú-sep-i,

Bridget Burke, a buail an an mbeul mé, Sal-iú-nú-aen-i, Rú-nú-aen-i. 3. Sal-1ú-nú-aep-i, Rú-nú-aep-i, Dennis Flannery, a beipim 50 h-éa5 ouic, Sal-1ú-nú-aep-i, Rú-nú-aep-i.

TRANSLATION.

1. You will go over and find my love for me. | 2. . . . Bridget Burke, who struck me on the mouth. | 3. Denis Flannery, whom I give for ever to you.

53.-bí L1011 bí.

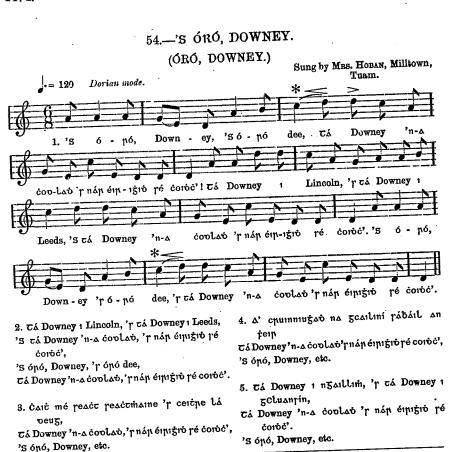


TRANSLATION.

1. Where shall, we put the married couple to sleep? | 2. In a bed of furze at the end of the house. | 3. Who is the young woman who lost her heart? 4. John McHugh it is would raise up my heart.

51, 52, and 53. Those three numbers are examples of the game or occupation songs given to me by Mrs. Hoban. The couplets of No. 51 are as she remembered singing them in her youth. They were not all improvised, as I have heard some of them from other sources. They are as a rule very personal in character, but I suppose half their attraction lay in the fact that, under cover of the game, the singer could be insulting with impunity.

For other airs of this class see Petrie, Nos. 1367, 1368, 1369; 1366 and 1474.



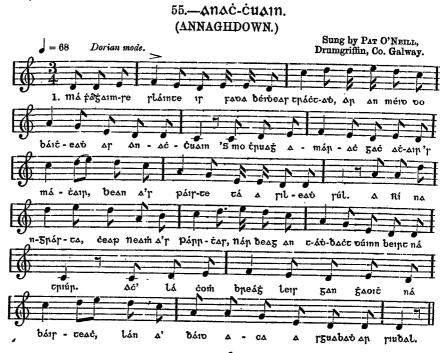
^{*} There is a peculiar note which occurs in the word "dee." It is neither C nor C. I heard Mrs. Hoban sing it many times, and she never varied.

TRANSLATION.

1. . . . Downey is asleep, and may he never get up! | 2. Downey is in Lincoln, and Downey is in Leeds. | 3. I spent seven weeks and fourteen days, | 4. Gathering the girls for saving the hay. | 5. Downey is in Galway, and Downey is in Cluansheen.

This song differs from the preceding ones in that it seems to have been used not so much as an occupation song as a "wake game." Mrs. Hoban tells me that she remembers this song being sung in her youth, but only on the occasion of the wake of an old person. Such practices, however, have long since ceased among the Western peasantry. It is not easy now to get even an accurate account of how the game was played. I have been told that one of the gathering simulated the dead man, stretching himself across some chairs and covering himself with a sheet. The others who took part in the game would then gather round and sing verses, for the most part of an impromptu kind, until the seemingly dead man would get tired and come to life again.

Lady Wilde speaks of these rude dramas and games in her "Myths and Legends,"



2. Πάη πόη απ σ-ιοηξημό ογ cóπαιη πα πολοιπε

α δρειστιπο τίπου αη σάιλ α ξοιπη, Σξημανανό α'ς σασιπθάνο του γξαπημόσαν πασιπθ

's zun b'é zleur a bpórca σο bι σ'ά στόραιο

'S a Ola na Blóine, nán món an reall!

3. Annyro via h-Aoine cluinged an caoinead Az ceace zac caob, Azur zheadad bor, A'r a lán can oidee chom cuingead claoide zan ceó le déanam aca ace a' rinead conp.

a via 'r a chiorca o'fulaing foobainc vo ceannuig [50] rininnead an bood 'r an noce

5ο ράημτας παοιπτά 5ο οτυξαίη γαοη leat δας [σηκατύιη] οιοδ σά'η τυιτ ταοι απ loc.

4. milleán géap ap an ionad ceádna
πάρ lapaid peult ann 'r πάρ έιριξιό ξριαη,
το δάιτ αι πέασ ύσ το τριαί ι π-έιητραστ
το ξαίλιπ αρ αοπαί το πος τιαρασοιπ.
πα τιρ το ξίσυγαδ είνατ 'τυς εέαξτ,
το τρεαδαδ δρέαπρα 'r το εραίτεαδ γίολ,
α'r πα ππά σά ρέιρ για σο δεαπραδ ξαέ αοπ
μυσ

Το γηίστικο δηέιο αξυγ απαιρτ caol.

5. δαίλε- ελάιρ το δι απαίσε λαιίπε πίση λεις απ τ- άτο τόιδ α ξαδάιλ απίση, δι απ δάς εσώ λάισιη πας στυς τε εάιησε το από πάταη σά η ημεαδ ητατί. πυπα τεέαλ α εεαραδ τόιδ απ λά το α πδάιτε

a Riż na ngpápa náp boče an niò, ače a gcailleaò uile gan loč ná páile, le rean-báo gpánna 'r 120 láim le cíp. 1. If my health is spared I'll be long relating Of that boat that sailed out of Anach Cuain, And the keening after of mother and father And child by the harbour, the mournful croon! O King of Graces, who died to save us, 'Twere a small affair for but one or two, But a boat-load bravely in calm day sailing Without storm or rain to be swept to doom:

2. What wild despair was on all the faces
To see them there in the light of day,
In every place there was lamentation
And tearing of hair as the wreck was shared;
And boys there lying when crops were ripening,
From the strength of life they were borne to
clay;

In their wedding clothes for their wake they robed them,

O King of Glory, man's hope is vain.

8. And then on Friday you'd hear them crying On every side as their hands they wrung, And morning found them unnerved and powerless

When the laying out of each corpse was done. O Jesus Christ, by the Cross You died on, To offer Your life for the poor and the slave, Bring them safely home to the light of glory, Oh! rest the souls of the drowned that day!

- 4. Misfortune light on the spot they died in, May no star shine there or dawning ray, It drowned such numbers who made the journey That fatal Thursday to Galway fair; Men who could manage the plough and harrow, And break the fallow and scatter seed, And women whose fingers were deft and nimble To spin fine linen and frieze to weave.
- 5. On the shore beside Ballyclare was lying, But fate was unkind when they made for port; Strong Death was sudden, no pity stirred him, No mother's son could escape his stroke. If their drowning day wasn't fixed and fated, O King of Graces, their lot was hard, Not on lake nor ocean, yet weak and hopeless, In a wretched boat, and in sight of land.

6. A Rig na nghára chucaig theam a'r páppcar a'r a Dé, cia an cár dúinn beine na chiún ace lá com bheág rin gan gaoir gan báirteac, agur lán [an] báid aca do dul go cóin. Bhir an bád agur báitead na daoine, sgap na caoinig anonn ran trnám, a'r a Dé, nac annrin bí an t-án món déanta an aon fean déag agur octan mná.

7. δι αιτη α' η πάιτη α απη, πηά 'ξυη ράιγτιος,

Ας τοι 'η ας τάπταοιι 'η ας γειτ πα ποεόη, Α'η ππά νά μέτη για νο νέαπραν αου πυν Όν ήπιστικό δηθενία α'η απαιητ έασι. Α τοπαιη τιι ταταιι, δα πόη απ ητέαι τύ Όν τηκαδηά δηαπημα νο συτηγεά γίοι Α'η α ιτατα δυαταιίι νο σηαιτρεαν ιάπι ιεατ,

mo leun 'r cú báioce i n-anac-cuain.

8. A Šeáfain th Corpain ba món an reul tú
Sun fear tú aniam i luing ná i mbáo
A'r a liacta coircéim lútman fiúbail tú
O londun anall go dtí béal-thát,
an uain do faoil tú rnám do déanam
Rus na mná ósa ont 'bor a'r tall,
'S sun faoil do maithín dá mbáitride céad
rean

50 ociucrá réin 'baile rlán.

9. Βι πάιρε τις Ruadáin ann, buinneán glégeal,

An cailin ppéineamail bí againn ran áit; Sleur rí í réin 50 moc Oia Ceadaoin le dul cum aonais o Cnoc Dealáin, bi cóta uinni de tosa an éadais Cáipín lace a'r nibínid bán', agur d'fás rí a máitnín bhónac cháidte as reilt na noeón anír 50 bhát.

10. Ιογξαύ γιέιθε αξυγ γξαιλαύ οι έιθε Αγ απ άιτ αγ έαξαναγ, α'γ milleán ορυαιύ, Μαγ 'γ 10mba ομέασύις υ'γάξ γέ αξ ξέαςκοι

As rilead 'r as éascaoin sac maidin luain.

6. O King of Graces, who died to save us, 'Twere a small affair for but one or two, But a boatload bravely in calm day sailing, Without storm or rain, to be swept to doom! The boat sprang a leak and let all the people And frightened sheep out adrift on the tide; It beats all telling what fate befell them, Eleven strong men and eight women to die!

 What calling and crying of mother and child then,

Of husband and wife, what despair and tears, And women whose fingers were deft and nimble To spin fine linen, and frieze to weave. Ah! 'tis you were matter for grief, Tom Cahill, You'd plough the fallow, o'er furrows you'd stoop,

And men around took your handshake proudly, My grief, and you drowned now in Anach Cuain.

We mourn your loss, too, brave Seán O'Cosgair,

You towered aloft in the ship or the boat, And a long, long journey you came amongst us, Across from London to Béaltrá's shore.

When you tried to win to the shore by swimming,

You were held by women, your strength they broke;

But your mother was proud, and she'd say about you,

Though a hundred were drowned, you'd come safely home.

9. And Mary Ruane, too, the star of maidens, The sky-bright lady, the light of our lives, She was long preparing, that morning early, To go to the fair dressed up like a bride, In a coat well made with a narrow waist-band, A cap of lace and streamers of white; But her mother awaited her footstep vainly, And never a day comes to dry her eyes.

10. May burning mountains come tumbling down on

That place of drowning, may curses fall, For many's the soul it has filled with mourning And left without hope of a bright day's dawn. ní viožbáil eólair vo čuin v'á venéoin iav Ače mi-áv món bí ran gCairleán nuav, 'Sé chiočnužuv an abháin gun báiteav mónán V'tág ávban vóláir ag Anač-Cuain. The cause of their fate was no fault of sailing, 'Twas the boat that failed them, the Caisleán Nuadh,

And left me to make with a heart that's breaking This lamentation for Anach Cuain.

I took this song down from my friend Pat O'Neill, who lives at Drumgriffin, Annaghdown. I never heard it sung to any other air than the one given. The poem was composed by Raftery to commemorate the terrible disaster which befell the people of Annaghdown when on their way to the Fair in Galway.

About thirty villagers with ten sheep and other goods set off in an old boat from the shores of Lough Corrib to go the eight miles into Galway. In those days there was no direct road, and the lake was the nearest way. The boat was rotten, and when within two miles of Galway a leak was sprung. One of the men endeavoured to plug it with his coat, and pressing with his heel to drive it more firmly in, drove the whole plank out of the boat. In a few seconds all these poor people were struggling in the water, and although they were close to the land, nineteen of them were drowned, eleven men and eight women.

Pat always maintains that there were two songs written on the subject, one by Raftery, and one by a local poet named Cosgrave (Corsonac), as he says Raftery was a stranger and could not have known the people's names or anything about them. What probably happened was that some local man added verses to Raftery's original poem.

I have been told that the song is sometimes known as "Cnoc a Ocaláin," the name of the place (mentioned in the song) at which the Fair was held. I give the full version of the song as contained in "Songs of Raftery," p. 146, with Dr. Hyde's permission. The translations of this and the next song are from a different pen.

56.-máire ní eióin.





2. Πυαιρ τυαιρ πέ απ ταιριτζικτ πίορ leiz πέ αρ τάιρο έ,

πί η αιδ le oul αξαίης αξυγ ξεις το έροιδε, Πί η αιδ le oul αξαίπη αξο τραγηα ράιρος

'Sni cus muro an lá linn ace so cóin an cise. Leasad cusainn bono a naid sloine a'r cánca ain,

Azur cúilfionn ráinneaclem'air 'na ruive, 'Sé vubaint rí, "Rairteni, bí 'z ól 'r céav ráilte,

Tá'n poiléan láioin i mbail'-ui-liag."

- 3. 1 τ Δοιδιπη Δύηθας απ ταοιδ απ τη Léibe Δς δηθαστικό τό το το Βαιλ'-μι-Lias, Δς γιάδαλ για ξλεαπηταίδ 'δαίπτ τη αξυγ γιάδαλ για ξλεαπηταίδ 'δαίπτ τη αξυγ
 - 'S zeall ceileabap éan ann le ceóltaib

- 1. The Mass-path led to the Lord of Graces,
 The skies were rainy, the wind was high,
 Beside Kiltartan I met a maiden
 Whose eyes waylaid me with sudden wile.
 I gave her greeting polite and stately,
 She answered gracious as any Queen:
 "O Raftery," said she, "could fate be kinder?
 Now step beside me to Ballylee."
- 2. I stood bewitched by that voice of sweetness,

My heart was leaping, my pulses raced;
I walked beside her across the meadows,
And evening fell as we reached the gate.
Glass shone on tables, the ale was winking,
Head of the ringlets, I felt you near!
"Raftery," said she, "now drink, you're welcome,
There's strength in cellars of Ballylee."

Cia'n bhig ran méad rin 50 bráigte áléangur, an blát na 5chaéb atá le n-a taoib, ní'l mait d'á reunad a'r ná ceil an aenne, 'Sí rpéin na 5héine agur 5hád mo choide.

- 4. Siúbail mé Sacrana'r an frainc le céile, an Spáin, an Théis, asur an m'air anír, ó bhuac loc Spéine so béal na Céibe, 's ní facaid mé réinín an did man í. Oá mbéinn-re pórta le blát na h-óise thé loc an Tónaic do leanrainn í, Cuanca a'r córtaid so riúbalrainn a'r bóithe a noiais an treóid-bean tá i mbaileui-lias.
- 5. 'Sí máine ni h-eidin an γτάιο-bean beurac,
 ba deire méin agur b'áille gnaoi,
 Dá céad cléineac, 'r a gcun le céile'
 Agur chian a chéidhe ní féadrad γερίου.
 buail rí Déinidhe le bheáfact a'r bénur,
 's dá n-abhainn hélen le'n γερίοτας
 - ace ir 1500 ban Gininn ar uce an méio rin, an póraé zlézeal cá i mbail'-ui-liaz.

άη γιιύο. πίοη πόη Liom ceól συπ ξαό αση σισός Οσώπαιξ,

punnne an bóno agur vá n-ólpá pion, A'r a Rif na Elóine so venimis an bócan, So brás mé an c-eólar so vail'-ui-lias.

3. 'Tis airy walking beside the mountain And looking down upon Ballylee, Through glens of blackthorn bush and hazel, And birds like fairies in choir you hear. What use is all unless fate allots you The Branches' Blossom to crown delight? I can't deny or conceal it ever That she's my treasure, my sunlit sky.

 1 walked through England and France for years once,

Through Spain and Greece and the long way home,

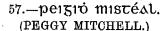
And from Loch Gréine to Galway's quay-side, But her beauty's equal I've never known. Were my bride this Flower of Tír-na-n-óg now, Through Loch an Tóraic I'd ride my steed, By coasts and harbours and trackless oceans If I lost the Rosebud of Ballylee.

- 5. Oh, Mary Hynes is my choice of ladies
 For matchless face and bewitching eyes;
 The host of learned scholars of Erin
 One-half her fairness could hardly write.
 Don't talk of Venus or Deirdre's true love,
 Or Helen whose beauty filled Troy with spears,
 The Blossom of Erin outshines their glory,
 The bright-hued Posy of Ballylee.
- 6. O Sun of Harvest, O Starlight glancing, O locks of amber, my share of joy, Will you fly with me now, before next Sunday, Through all the world we can dwell at choice. On Sunday evenings I'd play you music When wicks illumine the wine and mead; O King of Glory, make dry the roadway That leads me over to Ballylee.

This is one of the most popular of Raftery's songs, and is sung to the same air as "Anac-Cuan" (No. 55).

At p. 330 of the "Songs of Raftery" An Chaobin gives a very interesting account of Mary Hynes told to him by a relative of hers, Tommy Hynes, from whom also he obtained this song.

Petrie has an air of this name, No. 1542.





Cáirs, Cút chom, cair, rionn, ráinneac

Blar, 'rí Peig - iò cá mé 'páò.

- 2. 1r mine a opeac ná clum mín zeal 'r ná cúban na cuille an cháiz,
- Choide bheát slar, do tár nán meat, man éinitear duileaban 'r blát.
- 50 οσέιο mé i breant τά m'inntinn leat, α βειτίο α mile τράο,
- mo leun 'r mo cheac gan tú 'r mé leat an cuantaib amenicá.
- 3. Δ γεόιη πο επόιδε πά εμέις το πιαπ αξε δηκατιπις 'γεκατ γάη ξεάγ,
- nuain tiucrar an truite béit ól an fíon 'r ní baotal vúinn toitte bár.
- α blác na ξεμαού πας εμματό απ ηξέαλ πυπαύ τά τά όαπ 1 ποάη,
- An uairte an craogait vá mbéinn mo pig ir teac vo chaicrinn tám.
- 4. Τά τράξαιηη-γε caoi no áit le ruite ní γτατραίηη bliatain a'r lá.
- To reniobann rior le peann vear caol vo cuma a'r vo cail.
- πίοη ημέλο ηιαπ αου δεαπ γαι τία το δέαητας μαίτ αυ δάηη,
- o repriorad an Thaor man feall an minaor, a'r o curpead Deipope cum bair.

- 5. Τά lonnhat an όιη ι brolt mo γτόιη 'γέ Ας γάγ το γάινηε είνηνη
- To béal a bhóige com glar le veón 'ré rigce or a cionn,
- A blát na n-úball ir bheátta rnuað ná vuilleaban báinn na gchann,
- rás péro Oia Luain so océrdeam cum prúbal a'r réac so bruil ré i n-am.
- 6. Τά δηθάξαστ α'r 51le ruil a'r cuirle a'r larao σθας σά ηθίη,
- 1 mblát na rinne ir chuinne staire rúil a'r leasan béil,
- ní bhéag an bir an rgéal rá amuig, nac rean mé rá ar mo céill
- Le bliadain indiu sad aon tá ruilt 'r mé as rmuaíneam an blád na schaéb.
- 7. mo ξηλό τά τό na mná 50 το στό τό τός γιατ mire cinn
- Ag véanam bhóin paoi luac an óil vo viogbáil é beir chuinn,
- b'feanh Liom póg ó peigió an noóig 'ribeic i n-uaignear Liom,
- πά γαιόδελη Seóippe 510 bub πόρ α Lent bá mbeit ré chuinn.

8. Το θ'αιτ Lion τόηταο θειτ αη ρόητες α'ς cannard Lán το Leann,

punnne an bóno a'r stonnen scóin com fao 'r beit mo póca teann,

mo grato 'r mo roon beid or mo comair. Ag caine 'r ag comrato Liom, ir Lei o'olfainn Luad na mbriog od mbeid mo coud i ngeall.

TRANSLATION.

I like a maid who's not afraid, but loves so well a man,
 She goes with him, both out and in, and loves him all she can.
 A mouth fine, small, and sweet withal as honey in the spring,
 And heavy hair flung backward there, 'tis Peggy fair I sing.

2. Smoother is her countenance than smooth white down and than the froth of the flood on the shore, A fine green heart of growth that did not wither, (rising) as the foliage and blossoms rise; Until I go into the tomb my mind is with you, O Peggy, thousand loves, My grief and my destruction that you are not, and I with you, on the harbours of America. | 3. Treasure of my heart, do not forsake thy desire, but look into the case, When the means shall come there shall be drinking of wine and no danger of death to us for ever; O blossom of the branches, is it not a hard story if it be not you are laid out by fate for me? Over the nobility of the world, if I were King, it is with you I would shake hands. | 4. If I were to get a way or a place to sit, I would not cease for a day or a year Until I should write down with a fine thin pen your shape and your quality; There was never born any woman in this country who would take the sway from you, Since Troy was destroyed on account of a woman and since Deirdre was put to death. | 5. The gleam of gold is in the hair of my treasure, and it growing ringleted and fair To the mouth of her shoe, as bright as a tear, and it woven over her head; O blossom of the apples, finer in beauty than the foliage of the tops of the trees, Get ready on Monday until we go travel, and see that it is time. | 6. There is splendour and brightness, blood and veins, and a pretty glow accordingly In the blossom of whiteness, of roundest and brightest eye, and set of mouth; It is no lie at all the story that is about, that I am a man out of my senses, For a year to-day, each day of mirth, and I thinking of the blossom of the branches. | 7. My love twice over are the women for ever, although they have left me sick, Making lament over the price of the drink for the loss of its being gathered (?); I would sooner have a kiss from Peggy, surely, and she to be in solitude with me, Than the wealth of King George, though great were the half of it, if it were to be gathered together. | 8. I would like an outpouring to be on porter, and cans full of ale, Punck on table and glasses prepared, so long as my pocket should be stiff (full); My love and my treasure to be over against me, talking and discoursing with me, . It is with her I would drink the price of my shoes, (even) if my coat were in pledge.

This song was sung to me by Miss Bridget Forde, Sylane, Tuam. She told me that she had learned it from her father. I give with his kind permission the complete version by An Chaothn in his "Songs of Raftery," p. 336. A version of seven stanzas was published by the Rev. Professor T. O'Kelly in U. C., Galway, Journal, 1917.

58.—cillaodáin, nó condae muiseó. (KILLEADAN, OR COUNTY OF MAYO.)



4. Τά ξας unle τόρτ άσμαιο σά η έδη το συη rior ann,

bionn ricamón'r beech ann, coll, 51úbair, a'r ruinnreóg,

box agur cuileann, iúban, beit, agur caon-

's an flar-vair v'á nvéantar báo long a'r chann reóil.

Δη Ιος Wood, παλοξανί, 'Γ ξας άθπαυ υ'ά υλοιμτε,

'S an rion-maine béantab sac uile fleur ceoil

Olcoin (?) 'r reeac feal ann o'a feanhao 'r o'a rnoifmeao

'S an trlat ann do déanfad cir cléib agur lóid.

5. Tá an cuac 'r an rmólac at rheataint a céile ann,

Tá an Lonoub 'r an céinteac an Sun, or a gcómain,

An gulo-ringe, 'n cheadan, 'r an linner 1 goage ann

an naorsad as Léimnis, a'r an eala b'n Roim.

an c-ionlas ar acaill 'r an rias oub s'n gCéir ann,

An reabac ar loc éinne 'r an fuireos o'n moin.

'S vá mbeiteá ann ap maivin poim éipige na gpéine,

To geloiffed bac ean aca at feinm pan "nonob."

6. Tá an láin ann'r an reannac a brocain a céile,

An creirneac'r an ceucta, an theabac'r an riol,

ηα huain ann αμ παισιη 50 γαιργίης αξ πέιδιιξ,

bionn caoinit a'r théada a'r leand at an mnaoi.

ni'l tinnear, ni'l aicio, ni'l salan, ni'l éas

Δότ γαζαητ α'γ cléτητή ας ξυτός πα παοτή,

Tá mionáin ag gaban a'r bainb ag an gcéir

's an Loiligeac as séimnis as chiall an an mnaoi.

7. Tá an c-uirge ran loc, agur abnaca lionta,

πα conaca oéanta, 'γ πα lionta 1 5061η

Tá an liúr a'r an bheac a'r an earcon 'na Luice ann,

an puncán, an raocan, an nunae, 'r an nón.

Tá an bhadán 'r an ballac na gcómnuide ran oidde ann,

'S an truban as creatt ann o'n brainnse moin,

An capcoir 'r an Fliomae 'r an cupabot piabae,

Cnúσλια α'τ τατζ απα com ταιμτίας le moin.

8. Tá an eilit 'r an riad 'r gae nile font "Jaem" ann,

an maoad-puad 'léimnig, an bhoc 'r an míol buide,

Ceólta na ηξαύαρ 'γ na h-αύαρια σ'ά γέισεαύ

's le h-émise na spéine oo tostá oo choide.

τά σαοιπε παιγίο αη εαθηαίδ αξυγ παηκαίξ σά δγέαδαιπτ

ας γιαθαό την πα cérle το υτιτιό απ οιδό,

Soiléan 50 maioin anir οά μέαδαδ όι ας πα σέασταιδ α'r leabaid le luide. 9. τάξαπη σίθεσστα 'r bαιπτηεαδαό σαδατη α'η ηθιότεαδ
Sliže διό, α'η έασαιξ, α'η ταλατή ξαη σίος,
Sξολάιμιδε δοστα ηξηίοδ, ηξοιλ, αξυη λέιξεαπη απη,
λιότ ιαμματα πα σέιμτε απη, αξ ταμμαιης 'r αξ τηιαλλ.

Shanuit ré an coman in a h-uile ceatchéichib
 Chur Rairceni an chaeb có an a bracaic
ré niam,
 Sé ceineac na caince: raofal rao at rhanc
 Caare ann
 Slioct Loinnrit na réile nán coitil an
riadac.

TRANSLATION.

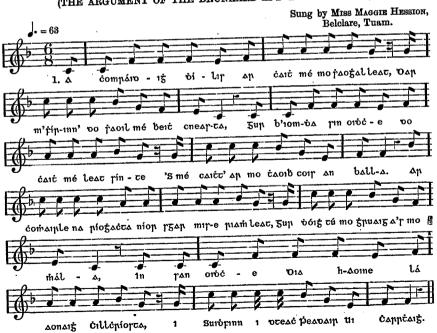
Towards the Eve of St. Brigit the days will be growing,
 The cock will be crowing and a home-wind shall blow,
 And I never shall stop, but shall ever be going
 Till I find myself roving through the county Mayo.
 The first night in Claremorris I hope to put over,
 And in Balla below it the cruiskeens shall flow;
 In Coilltemach then I'll be living in clover,
 Near the place where my home is and the house that I know.

2. I solemnly aver it, that my heart rises up, Even as the wind rises or as the mist disperses, When I think upon Carra and upon Gallen down from it, Upon the Mile-Bush or upon the Plains of Mayo. Killeadan (is) the village in which everything grows; There are blackberries and raspberries in it, and fruit of every kind; And if I were only to be standing in the middle of my people. The age would go from me and I should be young again. | 3. There be's wheat there and oats, growth of barley and of flax; Bye in the ear (?) there, bread of flour, and meat; People who make "poteen" selling it there without a licence. The great nobles of the country there playing and drinking. There is planting and plowing there, and top-dressing without manure; There is many a thing there of which I have not spoken yet, Kilns and mills working and never resting, "Sorra" talk there is about a penny of rent nor anything of the kind. | 4. There is every sort of timber that it were fit to put down there; There is sycamore and beech in it, hazel, fir, and ash, Box and holly, yew, birch, and rowan-berry, And the green-oak, of which is made boat and ship and mast; The log-wood, mahogany, and every timber no matter how expensive, And the fior-mhaide (?) which would make every musical instrument; Oltoir (?) and white hawthorn a-cutting and a-hewing. And the rod there that would make basket creels and lods. | 5. There is the cuckoo and the thrush answering each other there, The blackbird and the ceirseach hatching over against them, The goldfinch, the wood-cock, and the linnet in a cage there, The snipe leaping up, and the swan from Rome, The eagle out of Achill and the raven out of Kesh Corran, The falcon from Loch Erne and the lark from the bog, And if you were to be there in the morning before rise of sun, Sure you would hear every bird of them a-singing in the grove. | 6. There is the mare there and the foal, beside one another, The teamof-six and the plow, the plowman and the seed. The lambs there in the morning numerously bleating, There be's sheep and herds, and the woman has a child. There is no sickness, no disease, no plague, no death there. But priests and clerics praying to the saints; The goat has kids, the sow has bonhams. And the milch-cow is lowing as she goes towards the woman. | 7. The water is in the lake, and the rivers filled. The weirs are constructed, and the nets in working order. The pike and the trout and the eel lying there, The crab and the periwinkle, the mackerel

and seal; The salmon and the ballach resting there at night, And the liubhan (little eel, or lamprey?) voyaging thither from the great sea; The tortoise and the lobster and the grey turbot, The gurnets and fish are there as plenty as turf. | 8. The fawn and the deer and every kind of game is there, The red-dog (fox) a-leaping, the badger and the yellow miol (i.e. the hare), The music of the hounds, and the horns a-blowing. And with the rise of the sun you would lift up your heart. There are gentlemen on steeds and horsemen being tried, Hunting all through other until comes the night, (Then) cellar until morning again a-rending, Drink for the hundreds and beds to lie down. | 9. The orphan and the widow get assistance and redemption, A way to get food and clothes, and land without rent; Poor scholars get writing and schooling and learning there, And the people who ask alms are drawing and journeying thither. It overcame the world for all its good qualities, And Raftery has awarded it the branch, over all that he ever saw; The end of the talk is this: Long life to Frank Taafe in it, The descendant of the Lynch of hospitality, who never spared the hunt.

Sung to me by Miss Maggie Hession, but known everywhere throughout Mayo and Galway. The words are from Abhain an Reactune, p. 96. The air is a variant of an old tune, commonly known as "Nell Flaherty's Drake." For another variant see O'Neill's Collection (Chicago), No. 763.

59.—Caismire an potaire leis an uisse-beata. (The argument of the drunkard and the whiskey.)



2. Seaccmain 50 phiaclas i bpeannaio r i bpiantaib

ociż tomáir tii řloinn an mo leabaio, Oo mo žleur 5ac aon oioce 'r an maioin anír,

—nán bozato Ota cotoce no capato!

Seallamain so ripeannae oo beipim oo chiore

50 norúltócaro mé viol urge-beata,

's 50 bruil from as an maosal nacle ourl ann a bim,

Δοτ le τράο το πα τασιπιθ bior 'na aice.

3. 17 dear an nuo bólact, réan mait agur gabaltar,

Cημιτηερός αξυγ εόηπα Le ξεαημαό,

min in ran gcófpa, 'gur teine, thathóna. Agur vivionn v'feap bótain a'r bealait.

Leine 'sur coca as an airpionn Oia Ocimnais, haca 'sur bhosa 'ran brairiun,

A'r 50 raoilim-re, an noois sun reann rin so món

ná beit 'g imteate 'r ag ól uirge-beata.

4. 1γ Liom-γα τις α πίπιυξαο παρ ταιτ πέ πο γαοξαί leac

ó bameao an cioc oiom 'mo leanb,

δυη τηέις mé mo δλοιπε, mo δλιπ, λ'γ mo ξλοίτλ,

'S ní réantainn tú an cómainte na h-easlair'.

Όο γτόη 'ς το παοιή ταοξάζτα 'ς αη γοςημιξεατ αριαπ ορτ,

Αξυγ σαιό έ ξαη γξιό αξ πηάιδ leanna Μά filleann σύ αρίγ α'γ το φυηγα δοιό γρίουσα Πί διυδραιό γιατο δηατοι του σας πιαιτοιη.

An c-tirge-beata:

5. maireaul ir rava mé az éirteaut leat az rzeileazau bréaz liom,

Azur caicrio mé réin Labaine rearca,

Δ'η ζυη δ'ιοπό γιη παέξαη αξ ιαμμαίο πα σέιπο

'S gan luac aige le m'éiliugat, act a wallet.

An té épuinnifear na céatta le chuatitain roititeille

a'r nac brliucraiù a béal, agur tant ain,

Τιμοταιό οιόμε 'na όθιξ αξυγ γεαμ-σηοιόε πας ηξείλιτο

San beit's of corran claide no an batta.

6. πας comluavan réim mé an com-chuinπιυξαν γ αη αοπας

אך אח כל ליויטרפאט לי דומטבע דוסף וווי אוכפ. אויע מוכירים אלי טויב-דפ אלי טויל-לפוללם שפול אחסוף שם מים לפאומט

Α' η ηί όμοιστιό σο γχέλλ αός γεαμ πεαότα. Ιμός σαγαότ' α' η μέμπα 'γ πέ σο δέαηγαδ α μέιδτεαό

Agur tá fior ag na céantaib ain reo, ceana,

's 50 mbim-re as na lavier, as rasaine, 'r as cleine,

's as maigirein ne léigean agur laivion.

An Pocaine:

7. Μαιγελό! σοσαμ αξυγ ξηάιη οπτ 17 τω λαθημας πελιπελές

A'r ni ciubnainn-re cail leat com mait ont,

Οο caic mé mo τάτα τά οιτός 'r τά lá leat, Αξυγ πίση ξαθ το cáp 50 πό παις ταπ.

Όο όδις τά clán m'éavain agur bánna mo méana

'S an na céavaib ni féavaim a leagan, ni'l aon fean ran raogal ro cuimleócab nó géan leac

nac é a oualgur rean-éavac 'r opocleaba.

An c-tirge-beata:

8. Βτυίλ βάβα-ουβ πο ceapouige πας ποέαπτας σίοπ ράιρτις?

1r mé buacaill an báine inr 5ac bealac, nill 5péaruide ná cailliúp d'á dous apiam rácad

nac mbeannuigeat in pan trháid tam an maitin.

ni'l bean ός σά bpeágact nac πσέαπτασ Liom gáine

An chair do leazfaide an an gclán mé 'na h-aice,

's 50 mbim as an bpápa, as γαξαιητ, 'γ ας δράιτριδ

A'r níon cáin piam mé act fean meatra.

Δη ΦότΔιηια:

9. ruain Rairceni reniobia i leaban na vaonnaci

Luce pointe so mbionn tú v'á meallad San lón-gniom do déanam no rárad in ran raogal ro So ocuitrid riao daon in ran bpeacad. 1 rzonnya ná 1 notoza má čailtean rean čoroče

De Bánn a beit compáideac leat-ra,
Dein beata na naom linn zun caint i, dubaint Chiort

So cinnce nac braigrio ré na plaicir.

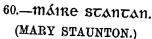
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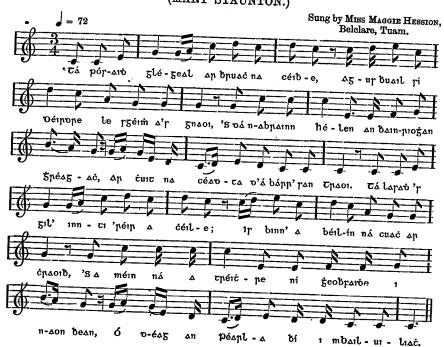
The Drunkard:

O comrade of sweetness I've spent my best years with,
 I thought you were cheerful and able;
 But many's the evening that, wholly defeated,
 You laid me to sleep in some stable.
 The life I am leading I find not too cheering,
 See! you burnt my beard on the table
 That night I was feasting within in Kilcreestha,
 When I lay like a sheep by the gable.

2. For a week in peril, in punishment, in pains, In the house of Thomas O'Flynn, on my bed, (My wounds) being dressed every night, and again in the morning-(May God never weaken my friend!) A promise truly do I give to Christ That I shall renounce the drinking of whiskey, And sure the world knows that it is not with liking for it I do be, But with love for the people who are near it. | 3. A nice thing is cattle, good grass, and a holding of land, Wheat and barley to cut; Meal in the chest, and a fire in the evening, And shelter to offer the traveller; A shirt and a coat at Mass on Sunday, A hat, and shoes in the fashion, And I think, surely, that that is greatly better Than to be going and drinking whiskey. | 4. It's I, too, am able to expound it, because I have spent my life with you, Since I was weaned, and I a child; Sure I have forsaken my people, my kith and kin. And I would not deny you, (and follow) the advice of the Church. (Take) your store and your worldly goods, and all that was ever settled upon you, And spend it without resting with the ale-women, (Still) if you return again, and your purse to be despoiled, They will not give you one drop in the morning. | 5. The Whiskey (answering): Musha! it's long I'm listening to you shelling lies at me, And myself must speak out in future; Sure it's many's the naygur looking for alms (like you), And without his having the price to ask for me, except his wallet. He who gathers together hundreds (of pounds) by hardship and foolishness, And who will not wet his mouth, and thirst on him, There will come after him an heir, and a man of heart, who will not refuse To be drinking it beside the fence or the wall. | 6. Am not I courteous company at a gathering or at a fair For the man who would sit down shyly (?) beside me? It is only want of sense in you to be now refusing me, And no man but a poltroon will believe your tale. People of coughs and phlegm, it is I who could relieve them, And the hundreds know this already; Sure the ladies have me, the priests, too, and the clergy, And the masters of learning and of Latin. | 7. The Drunkard: Musha, trouble and disgust on you! it's you who speak shamelessly, And I would not give you a character half so good; I have spent my term of two nights and two days with you, And your case has not gone too well with me, You have burned my fcrehead and the tops of my fingers, And on the strings (of the violin) I cannot lay them; There is no man in this world who would rub too closely against you, But his due will be old clothes and a bad bed! | 8. The Whiskey: Is there a blacksmith or a tradesman who would not make friends with me? I am the lad of the goal in every road; There is never shoemaker nor tailor of all who ever gave a stab (of an awl or needle) Who would not salute me in the street in the morning. There is no young woman, however fine, who would not laugh with me When I would be laid on the table beside her, And sure the Pope has me, and the priests and the friars, And nobody ever dispraised me except a poltroon. | 9. The Drunkard: Raftery has found it written in the Book of Humanity (About) the people of tippling, that you be deceiving them, And without making their reparation and satisfaction in this world. That they shall fall grievously into sin. In some scunce or some dike if a man be ever lost, Through his being a comrade of yours, The life of the saints tells us that it is a word what Christ has spoken, That certainly he shall not gain the Heavens.

I never heard this song sung by anyone but the Hession family. They learned it from their grandmother. The words are found in "Δυμάιη απ Reaccuine," p. 184.





2. Dá breicceá an rpéinbean a'r í gabca gleurta,

Lá bneát théine ran trháin, 'r í riúbal, solur larta ar a bhollac tléteal to ciúbhat léintear to fean tan rúil. Ta tháin na teoutra i telán a h-éadain, ir teall a reucaint le neult a' luain, 's tá mbeiteat rí i n-éinteact le linn na

ní ruar vo bénur vo béanraive an c-úball.

 Τά α του ας σαγαν λέι τίση το ξλύπαιδ, ας τίλεαν 'η ας λύβαν το δέαλ α δρός, πα πουαλυταίδ ηταρία, 'γέ com ξλαγ λε ορώστα,

יצ הם בחסולרוספ ב' רבעבלבס הם סובול רבה

a'r rúo í an cúilfionn ir sile múince Oá'n forsail rúil asur o'á maineann beó, 's oá mbuo liom-ra oúicce an Cigeanna Lúcan

Dan bhig mo cuire buo Liom-ra an creóio.

4. Τά α cum caol cailce 'γ α ξημαύ man na η ο γατίδ

'S a vá čić cóm-chunn or cómain a choive, a bházaro a leaca 'r a cúilín ómpa,

α'r παη σηύς απ τόξιπαιη 'read breatnuigeann ri. ture mé i bpeacad lear a blár na h-óise 's muna dris rú as ól liom ní maintead mí.

5. Az múbal no az vampa vá breicreá an plannva

Oo béantá t'anntact oo blát na gchaob, A ghuad the latad 't a choide gan amgan, 'S nat lágat an nuo teanntugad le n-a bhollat min.

Cómacta Sampron no Alexanoen

Δη ποόιξ, ni fanncocainn i n-áic mo

'S mun brágao ceaso came le máme Stanton

Tá mé 1 n-ampar sup seapp mo raosal.

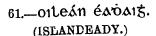
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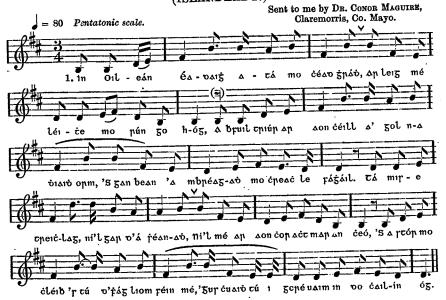
There's a lovely posy lives by the roadway,
Deirdre was nowhere beside my joy,
 Nor Helen who boasted of conquests Trojan,
For whom was roasted the town of Troy.
 Her cheeks like roses through lilies growing,
Her mouth melodious with songs of glee;
 Such mien and motion were never noticed
Since died our posy was in Ballylee.

2. If you were to see the sky-woman and she prepared and dressed Of a fine sunny day in the street, and she walking, And a light kindled out of her shining bosom That would give

sight to the man without an eye. There is the love of hundreds in the forehead of her face. Her appearance is as it were the Star of Monday, And if she had been in being in the time of the gods, It is not to Venus the apple would have been delivered up. | 3. Her hair is twining with her, down to her knees, Twisting and curling to the mouth of her shoe, In scattered strands, as shining as the dew, And the twists-of-hair sweeping after her up the road. And there is the coolun brightest and most mannerly Of all who ever opened eye, or live in life; And if I were to have the estate of Lord Lucan, By the virtue of my conscience, the jewel would be mine. 4. Her waist is narrow, chalk-white, and her countenance like the roses, And her two breasts equal-round over against her heart; Her neck and her cheeks and her amber back hair And it is like the harvest dew she appears. Virgil, Cicero, or the power of Homer Would not bring a comparison for her beauty and mien; I have fallen into sin (desiring) you, O Blossom of Youth, And unless you come to drink with me I shall not live a month. | 5. Walking or dancing, if you were to see the plant, You would give your affection to the blossom of the branches, Her countenance lit-up, and her heart without trouble, And were it not a lovely thing to be close to her smooth bosom? The power of Samson or of Alexander Surely I would not envy in place of my desire; And if I do not get leave to talk to Mary Staunton, I am in doubt that my life will be short. | 6. She bade me good-morrow early with pleasure, She set a seat for me, and not in the corner, She drank a drink on me, she was the heart of generosity. At the time that I rose up to go on my journey. I began speaking and conversing with her, It is mannerly she looked at me, the apple blossom; Here is my bail of mouth for you without a word of lie, That I have left the branch with her away from Mauria Brown.

This is a well-known song by the poet Raftery. It was sung to me by Miss Maggie Hession, and the words are taken from Dr. Douglas Hyde's Volume, "Δυμάτη απ πεασσώτης," p. 320, now unfortunately out of print. An Chaothin has kindly given me permission to use the words and translation.





- 2. Duò deire a h-éadan'r a coircéim éadthom
 ná aon bean i n-éipinn ag riúbal an t-ipáid,
 a dá éié glégeal' le na leand a bheugad,
 ac a rtón níon féad mé i tabaint ó'n mbár.
 b'feann liom go món-món mo diaid ran nód í
 ag bleagan mo bó nó i gcionn mo tige
 na raidbhear seóinte gur rágaim raoi dó é
 'sgunraoina róide a d'fag mé rtón mo choide.
- In Islandeady my first love's grave is, My heart I gave her when I was young; To hear the wailing of her three lone babies, Sure none can please them, my heart is wrung.

I'm weak and weary, I may as well say it, A shadow fading with grief and woe, My heart is aching, why did you leave me, Avourneen dheelish, in the clay, ochone?

Her face was fairest, her footstep airy,
 No girl in Erin of equal grace,
 Her bosom heaving, to her baby cleaving,
 But I could not save her from cruel fate.
 To me far dearer 'twas to be near her,
 Than all the pleasures of the world wide;
 Than King George's gold store, and that twice over,

But beneath the green sod we've left my bride.

When sending this air, with several others, Mrs. Maguire regretted she could not give me the words also, owing to the unfortunate loss of a precious Ms. The two verses are all that Dr. Maguire could remember from the singing of an old man named Ned Gibbons, near Claremorris. "Sail 65

Ruao," No. 16, given in an earlier part of the book, is another version of this Mayo song.

Oileán Éagaig (Islandeady) is a place between Castlebar and Westport.

62.—A BRUINNILLÍN BEUSAC. (POLITE LITTLE MAIDEN.)



- 2. 'S nac mire bior cutail 'ra scluto nac mbionn aithe onm ann,
- As cuimniugad an mo Móipín tháthóna 'r so mod leir an lá.
- Δ5 Oia món 'τά na cumacta, níon frubail ré rean eile níor reann,
- α γτόμ, πά ταβαιμ cúl vom ιγ τύ mo múiμnin le n-α υτυς mé τυιτ ζμάτ.
- 3. Seobann toga céile dom réin dá mbéinn reileamnac dó (= oineamnac),
- bean 1 n-a leinió gan éadac, caonac ná bó.
- Saidbhear na h-Éineann, ní gac aon duine a breileann ré dó,
- To octubnation an méto reo pré cétle o'fean an choide moin.

- 4.'8 lá αη ότι η τά ι το τίλο το παό η-έι leocta πο παλαιητο το πιπαοι,
- nac mé a bi san céill 'r séillead do leadaide de do fónt.
- Duo ocacha outo m'eiltugao ná na h-émini a meallao le cáio.
- 'S zun món ve vo bnéaza rne céile a ouaiv
- 5. Τά ξεαη [6] μιζ-πόρ το πο γτόιρίη ητιζ τη πο όροιτε,
- 'S fil mé 50 veo πας ντόιξτεά πα κατυιτές για viom.
- Δέτ Δησιγ ό τάιπ ρόγτα γεο ρόιξίη Δημά ό πο ζησιτέ,
- ó meall cú 50 h-óg mé cóig lóipoin 50 leige cú pgic.

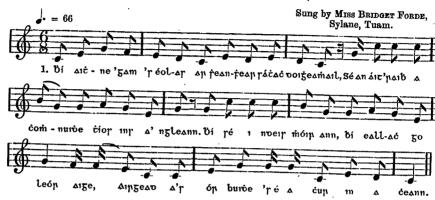
- 6. 'S a cailmi óga ná póraio rean an dá choide,
- Οά πδέαδ πόσα τάις δράπτ αις σ'όξταδ τέ ό παιοιπ το ταοιτ.
- béanfainn mo móroe an mo flúinib ful vá n-éineócainn mo furbe,
- Sun cú bain víom an óise, míle rcóinín, r soiv cú mo choive.
- Α δυαζαιλίί ότα πά ρόγαιο α λαι το πά πιά,
- 'S níl 1 n-a nglópitaí act máp v'eipeotav an tuile an an tháig.
- So ochiomuisio loc éinne 'r so ochéisio an eala a clumac bán
- Πί ιπηγεόζα mé το αου τεαμ cé 'n μέαγύη α τους mé τους ςμάτ.

TRANSLATION.

- 1. Polite little maiden, 'tis you caused a thousand sighs in my breast-And yet hundreds are spoken of who never marry-Your two roguish eyes, and your quiet, thin, smooth, delicate little mouth, You are my little treasure to woo, and if I could, I would go to you. | 2. And is it not I that am bashful in the corner where I am unknown. Thinking of my Móirin at eve and at dawn of day? With the Great God are the powers !-- a better maß never walked-O treasure, turn not your back on me since you are my dearest to whom I gave love. | 3. I'd procure for myself an excellent spouse did I suit him, A woman with nothing, no dress, no sheep nor a cow .- The wealth of Ireland, not everyone does it suit - But I'd give it all in one lump to the man of big heart. | 4. And the day you gave me to know that you wouldn't woo such a woman as me! How I was devoid of sense in yielding to such a sluggard as you! To deceive the birds with chaff would not be less difficult than to woo me. Yet many of your lies got confusedly into my head. | 5. In my heart lies exceeding great love for my treasure-And I thought that never would you rouse up those temptations in me-But now that I'm married, here's a little kiss from my heart, Since in youth you seduced me take lodging till you find rest. | 6. Young maidens, do not marry a man of two hearts. Should he have a five-pound note, he'd carouse from morn till eve. I'd swear on my knees ere I'd arise That it was you, thousand treasures, snatched from me my youth and my heart. | 7. Oh, young boys, there are many women you should not marry.—There is naught in their voices but just as the tide striking up on the beach-Till Loch Erne runs dry and the swan deserts her white plumage, To no man shall I give the reason of my love for you.
- Mr. T. O'Sullivan, N.T., Organist of St. Patrick's Church, Galway, sent me this beautiful air, which he noted down from the singing of William Gill, of Barna, near Galway, and the words were sent me by the Rev. Nicholas Fagan, who took them down from the same source.

For variants see "Ampáin Clainne Zaeveal," p. 12; "Siampa an Zeimpro," p. 51, ten verses.

63.—An seamourne cam. (THE CROOKED OLD MAN.)



5.

- 2. Rinne ré cóinainte bean ός a ρόγαδ
 50 ξουππεόταδ ré a τύμγαί react n-uaine níor reáph.

 Μαιοίπ 'r τμάτπόπα δί γεαης
 'r ξημαιπ μητί
 Γαοι εοταίη απτρμές, α'r ní μαιδ rí 'ξά τάξάιι.
- 3. 1γε: δα γιαραό απ τρίτξε διπτ τά διαλαό κασι ππασι απ διζ, 'S α έτος α'αν 50 μιξ-πατέ παό υσιυδμαύ όπις 5ράν! πιαι παό πόρ ί πο ξπασι ορις, πάρ έάξα τύ νο έασξαλ έ 50 δραιγα πέ τασιδ λεατ, α έγαπομιπε όσιπ!
- 4. Circan: nac ocus mé so león ouir, ainsead a'r ón buide, báid beasa'r báid móna, capall 'r cánn, le n-ice do dócain, beada maid 1 scóinnuide, Toga leabad clúmais 'r cead codlad ráin?

- Sin a'r'd aon cronc eile a gcuinrea-ra rponc ann,
 - So riú an paparoil le cabaine leac in oo lain;
 - Capall mait nó póiní le cup rúc i Scómnuite
 - 'Oul 'un Aifpinn Oia Domnais má ocógnéa oul ann!
- 6. Ire: Vá ocustá an món-faotal le n-ite 'r le n-ól oam, Saiobpear Rí Seoipre, bao món
 - é le μάο, Loingearraoi reoltaib a'rcoirtí
 - Δη δοίτριδ,
 δ' řeanη Liom rean όξ' ná τά, α řeanouine čaim.
- 7. eirean: Πυαιρ παζ πχίαστα τύ cómaiple τέιριξ τ'ά τόρυιτο εάς.

 Cuip ορτ το δρόχα, το έίδοα αρ το δράχαιτο,
 - bí an na chor-bóichib τίδεαςτ απ τράτηδηα,
 - Tá rean an rean ó5 4° ao má bíonn tú 1 brao ann.

nuam čiocrar an otoče 'r nac 8. bruite cú Aon bíbean, Toroca tú az caomeao 'r zam aon : מווב שונים ליבוח Ciubnainn an bíobla annrin le zlan-fininn 50 mb'feann lear beit 'nirt as vo reanvuine cam! 1r ruanac an mó bam mo famail 9. 1re: ted toamme or az caiteam mo taotail leat gan rúgnað ná gneánn, 'S a fainrneact 'r tá'n raofal a' am ó Saillim so luímneac, 'S a liactaige rin Muimneac i Connose an Cláin. nó bá brátainn bíbean timéeall 10. na Saoippinn O' řéadrainn an Séimpead a cait-

eam go ráim,

δάγόδαδ γέ m' ιπτιπη 'γ ιιί δέαδ τυιργε τροιδε υρπ ας γαπαπαιπτ ταοιδ leat, α γεαπουιπε ζαιπ!

ní man rin a bí cú, acc lán de broc-rmaointib—

tr iomba rónt intinn a tigeannr do mnáib;

act tá mé nig-cinnte, dá mbeiteá rátac caoideamail

nac n-amdócá coidee go naib

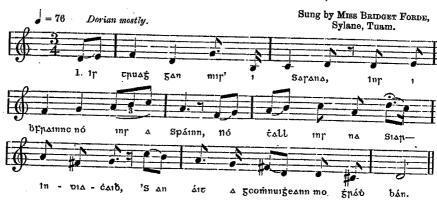
TRANSLATION.

12.

1. I was well acquainted with a fairly respectable old man, Who dwelt down in the glen. He was well off, and had plenty of cattle, Silver, and gold, and adding to it. 2. He determined to marry a young woman In order to get on seven times better. Morning and evening she was vexed and troubled For the key of the trunk, which she couldn't find. | 3. "'Twas a pitiful thing for you to come under the control of a woman When you knew quite well that she would not give you love; Though my affection for you isn't great, may you never get it Till I remain beside you, crooked old man. | 4. "Have I not given you enough gold and silver, Small bed, and leave to sleep tranquilly? 5. That, and every other thing you take delight in, Even to the umbrella to have in your hand, A good horse, or pony, to ride always, Going to Mass on Sunday, if you wish to do so?" | 6. "If you gave me the whole world to eat and to drink, The riches of King George, which were very great, Ships under sail, and coaches on the roads, I would prefer a young man to you, crooked old man." | 7. "When you won't take advice, go in search of it. Put on your boots, your cloak on your shoulders (breast); Be at the cross roads when the evening comes, And perchance you'll get a young man, if you remain there long. 8. When night comes and you cannot get shelter You will begin to lament, but it will be of no avail. I'd swear by the Bible with perfect truth, You'd prefer to be again with your crooked old man." 9. "It's wretched for such a woman as me To spend my life with you, without joy or delight, And the world so wide for me from Galway to Limerick, And numerous Munstermen in county Clare. | 10. Or if I got shelter round Seershin, I could spend the winter comfortably, I'd be satisfied in my mind, and no weariness of heart on me Remaining beside you, crooked old man." In "If you were as staid as a housewife should be, 'Tis you that could spend the winter comfortably, The wool of the sheep would pay the rent for us, And what more we should make would be at our hand. 12. But you are not like that, but full of bad thoughts.—Many are the changes that come to women's minds.—But I am quite certain that if you were comfortable and well off, You would never admit that such was the case.

This is a song by the Connemara poet, Colm Bailin, p. 9, whose poems were collected some years ago by the late paopais mac piapain, and published by the Gaelic League. I give the words with the kind permission of the Gaelic League.

64.—15 TRUAS SAN M1S' 1 SASANA. (A PITY I'M NOT IN ENGLAND.)



- 2. Azur Máipe an cúit vualaiż 'na ruive 'vip mo vá láim, A'r 50 mbérvinn-re 'żá bpéazav 50 h-éipże an lá báin.
- 3. nuain a luióim an mo leabaió ni'l ruaimnear le rágáil: Cáinic annaing in mo caoib dear agur loic rí mo lán.
- 4. Ooctuni na chuinne,
 'S 140 uile le ráfáil,
 ni'l mo leifear af an méio rin
 Act af Máine an cúil báin.

- 1. I would I were in England,
 In Spain or merry France,
 Or in the West on Indian shores,
 To meet my white love's glance.
- O Maure! of the plaited locks
 If you were here with me,
 Sure, 'tis myself would woo you, love,
 Till morning came to see.
- I lay me on my bed of pain, I lay me not to rest,
 My heart it is a bleeding heart,
 A wound is in my breast.

- 5. It rada me as imiceaec an cuainits mna cise, a macramail ni racaio mire 1 mbaile na 1 ocip.
- 6. nó go braca mé an reáro-bean an taoib Chuic-na-Site,
 'S a ghuag 'n-a chí tualait
 ag rgúabat le gaoit.
- 7. Jeall mo próp céad dam 'S dá míle bó, 'S Jeall pí 'n-a diaid pin To ndéantad pí teac móp.
- 8. Act man éinifear an fealac '5 a r5alar an fhian, '5,bliatain 'r an lá amánac béit an fainn5e ríon.
- 9. Tura beit i Sarana Agur mire ra Spáinn, 'S 50 n-éalótainn in mo léine Le Máine an túil báin.

- The leeches of the world all Would pity my sad plight;
 There is no lance to probe my wounds Save Mary's glance of light.
- 'Tis long I have been roving

 In country and in town,

 But never in my wanderings met

 A maid of such renown;
- Until I saw my white love
 On the slopes of Knock-na-shee,
 Her tresses in the fairy wind
 A streaming wild and free.
- My true love she did promise me Two thousand ambling kine,
 And on her ample pasture-lands
 To rear a mansion fine.
- I swear me by the midnight moon,
 And by the noonday sun,
 I'll leave the seas behind me
 Ere another year is done.
- O, would you were in England, And I in sunny Spain,
 That I might rise and speed me thence,
 To woo my love again.

I have given this song as I heard it sung by Bridget Forde, Sylane. It will be observed that the 7th and 8th stanzas have already occurred in the song, "Coob Catt oe Claice na Ceónann" (No. 14, p. 26). Another song of this name is printed in "Ceót Sice," p. 92, issued by the Irish Book Company, and a version of the same, with music, is given in "Cláiμγελά na n-ξλεύελι," Part II; but neither the words nor air bear any resemblance to our song. Petrie also has two airs of this name, Nos. 1178 and 1179.

65.—Liam ua rașallai;. (WILLIE REILLY.)



- 2. 'mo βαιπερθαβάς 'ρ 'mo maigoean a ράξαὸ mé 50 h-ός,
- 's cabain reéal as mo muincin sun báiceao mo mile reón.
- θά mbéroinn an an τηάιξ an lá rin agur mo οά láim beit 'γα γρόυ,
- m' rocal out, a bean ti Razallaiz, ir vear a leizearrainn vo bnón.
- 3. Πί hιουξιαό ηξέαλ εμάιότε α δειτ ας το ιπάταιη 'η ας τ' αταιη,
- a'r ag banalcha na gcioc mban a bioo a' chacc ont 'r tu 'oo leanb.
- πί άιμιζιπ το bean ρόγτα πάη σόιμιζ αμιαπ το leabato,
- 'S ó cuaro cú 'un na cháta an lá rin, mo léan Bun ránuit onc a citeace a baile.

- 4. A'r níon món tiom vo, 'tiam ó Ragallaig, a beit 'na tliamain ag an nig,
- 's cumprimi geals glei-geals an gad toob be ing an bibo',
- maigrean ciúin céille a beit ag péirteat a
- 'S o luarocao pun le cerle, ir chuag man o'éag cu le mo linn.
- 5. Τά το γίνιλε ας πα ρέγγτι το ας το δέαλ ας πα ροητάνη,
- Tá vo vá lánh jeala jléi-zeala raon jéanrmaco na mbhaván;
- Cúiz púnc a béaprainn vo'n cé a coizreav mo vian-zpáv,
- Act 'ré mo léan tú beit τ' αοπραίς, nelli \$léigeal Nic Siúpτάτη.

6. beannact vé vo'n τριώρ α έμαιν 50 Cill Canainn,

as ioblacan an acan peavan bi i n-aoir a ceiche ricio.

Đά οτιζτεά ταοι τεαπη πίστα, αττ πο léan, τοιοτε ηί τιοτταιο,

'S nac thuat rin, bean 'ran oioce,' r a caoimceac i mbann tuinne ! 7. mo mallace do na paopaib a pinne an báo,

nacan aithir com réin 30 naib an c-éag inr na cláin!

Οά στέιξτεά το Coill Τόταιμ' γ απ τ-άτοπασ α τεαπιαίτ σάση

ni bároproe mo γτόη-γα αη σόγταιο Mal-Bay.

TRANSLATION.

1. Do you remember that night? the town was full of horses, With priests and brothers who were speaking of the wedding. There was a fiddle on a table, and the harp was being played, And there were three fair women there to lay out my love. | 2. A widow and a maiden was I left while yet young! And bear the news to my people that my love was drowned. If I were on the strand that day and my two hands on the sheet, My word to you, Mrs. Reilly, 'tis well I would cure your sorrow. | 3. No wonder sorrow now distracts your mother and your father And the nurse of the white bosom, who spoke of you when a child. I'd pass by your wedded wife, who never made your bed, Since you went to the strand that day, and alas! failed to come home. | 4. I would not consider it above Willie Reilly to be son-in-law to a king. With bright shining curtains on each side of him in the night, A gentle, sensible maiden to be arranging his head (on the pillow). Since we were engaged to one another, Alas, that you should have died from me (in my time) ! | 5. The monsters have your eyes, and the crabs your mouth; Your two bright white hands are in the power of the salmon. I would give five pounds to the person who would take up my love, But, my grief, that you are left alone, fair Nelly Jordan! | 6. The blessing of God on the three who went to Kilannin To hurry Father Peter, who was eighty years old. If you came in a month's time, but, my grief, you will never come! How sad for a woman in the night, and her spouse upon the waves! | 7. My curse on the tradesmen who made the boat, Because they did not tell me that death was in the boards. If you had gone to Killtogher and bought timber that was dear, My love would not be drowned on the coast of Malbay.

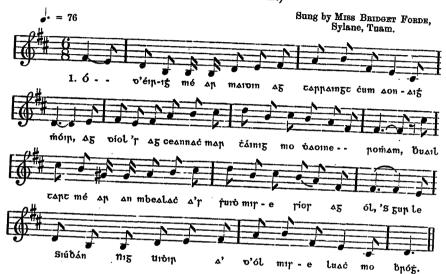
This is a song that is very popular in Connacht, but is not to be confused with the ballad in English of that name.

An Armagh version of this song is given in "Ceoltaib Ulao," p. 140, and in "Siampa an Beimpio," p. 112. Professor O'Maille, U.C. Galway, has kindly given me permission to use these words. See p. 85, "Amplain Claime Saeveal."

Another version of this song was given by Seán Macziolla-an-áta in the Irish Review, August, 1912.

66.—siubán niz uióir.

(JUDY MAGUIRE.)



- 2. 'S a Stubán nig thờip, an impoe teac mé beic cinn?
- mo čnát! má'r miroe liom čura beit rínce
- bhoince 'gur muilce beit 'rgilead an taoib
- Azur ceau a beië i n-toppur zo udizeau ríol Eaba ann chuinn.
- 3. 'S a Stubán nig Utbip, 'r τά bun agur bánn mo rréil.
- 's an muáib a cimo 50 ocus rí an báine
- le gile, le rinne, le maire 'r le vá orman rréim,
- 'S nac mire an thuat thuine 'r me 'r tapamaint amapac Lei!

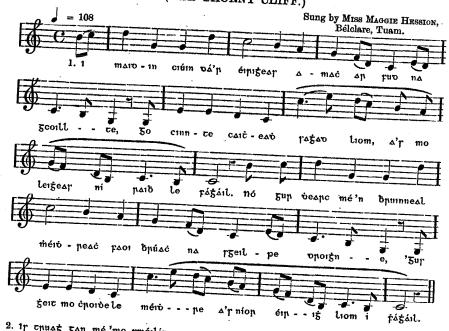
- 1. In the dawn-time ambling early unto a neighbouring fair
- To bargain and to barter, and to rid me of my care,
- Thirst smote me by the wayside, and, oh, fair one of my heart,
- I drank thy health in bumpers, though I saw my wealth depart.
- And, Judy, do you pity me that I am making moan,
- As I might keen you, darling, were you sleeping 'neath a stone,
- With the mill-wheels whirring round you, in the daylight and the gloom,
- In the cold tombs of Erris till the trumpet-call of doom?

- 4. ό, γαιζοιύη γιης τ πό δητρελό αγ ξάροα απ ηίος;
- Vo'n né piginn agam a beipinn ap cápca vige;
- To buailfinn an opoma 'gur feinnfinn ap clainfif caoin;
- Δ5 Cuppac Cill-σαρά ξυη ηξαράς le ξράο mo choice.
- 5. Chan i n-tonnur cá reanc agur rcón mo alleib.
- Plannca an lemb a v'encig mo pópav 'nvé;
- bein rzéala uaim cuici, má cuz mire póz v'á beul,
- To octubnation of cuttle oá scuthead plad bólact léi.
- 6. bein rzéala uaim cuize, zo peimin nac bpórrainn é,
- ó cuala mire gun cuin ré le bólaco mé;
- má τά buaib αξατ πά απ 10 maταιο πόμάιπ γρηέ,
- Do'n né bean agat 'r béio mire an mo comainte féin.

- She haunts my tale for ever as a sigh might haunt the calm,
- And from her fairest women-folk she bears aloft the palm;
- Her beauty floats for ever on the ripples of my song;
- God! must to-morrow part me from her I loved so long!
- 4. I am an old-time soldier who once upheld the king;
- I swigged the brimming tanker, and made the tavern ring;
- I would wake the drum to fury, and from the harp snatch woe,
- But, alas! 'twas at the Curragh I beheld my loved one go.
- 5. Westward in Erris dwells the fair one of my heart.
- Who yesterday refused my troth and bade my love depart;
- Oh, bear a message to her that for each kiss of mine,
- A thousand more I'd give her were she present with her kine.
- 6. "Oh, bear those tidings to him," were the bitter words she said.
- "That since he loves my herds and lands myself he ne'er shall wed:
- If herds and ample pastures be his to have and hold,
- His be the fair one of his choice, not mine, his love grown cold."

This song was sung to me by Miss Bridget Forde, Sylane, Tuam. She learned the air from her father, who had forgotten the words. She used the words found in "Ceol Sroe," p. 11, published by the Irish Book Company. For variants see Petrie, Nos. 1440, 1517, and 594.

67.—an szeilpín oroizneac. (The Thorny Cliff.)



- 2. 17 chuat san mé 'mo rmóilín, ir vear v'eulócainn thío an mbóithín,
- A'r 50 mbéinn ag reinnm ceol vaoib 50 n-einigear an lá bán.
- Oá bruiginn-re rean-bean chionna a mbéad aici bó nó caona,
- tiomáinfinn í cun an aonait le 50 mbain-
- Τά ππά πα leanna αξ caoineaថ α'r πάρ τότητο οργα πας ίστα,
- nuain a bior an rpanán rpionea ir an mo choide 'reis bior an bnón.
- 'Sé mo fúil 50 bruiginn apirc i, 'ré mo leun, ní geobrao ná čo:oče,
- 'S Jun Feall an raifde ar fpile í, 'r nac claoidte an Falhad Fhád?

- 4. Tá mo gháo-ra an cúl an gáinoin, 'rí an cú, 'rí an luac, 'rí an láin í,
- 1r i ir 5ile bnaifoe ná a braca aon fean
- Cé gun b'áno é an chann ráinneoige a'r go ocuiteann an blát le ránaio,
- ní luigeann υμάστ απ βάγαις, α'ς τά γξάτ món ing απ περέιπ.
- 5. Ražaro mé zo h-ézipt nó vo'n oiteán te 'n-a caoib pin,
- nó 50 'meinioca 'στύρ απ τ-γέαρύιπ le mo τέαδ γεαρις πά δίπ beo,
- an air 50 bhát ní fillread 50 labhaid an cuad 'ran ngeimhead
- 's 50 mbió caipleán pinne na Mileada d'á Déanam ar an nuad.

6. Τά πο πιιππτερη αη ξας ταοδ σίοπ 'γ ηί γέασαιπ compάδ α δέαπατη

'S 50 bruit aineacar chuaid séan onm má téifim amac ran oide'; πά ceanglaigió mo πέαρα αυτ τάξαιξιό ταοι πέιρι ιαο

Sí mo cómpa mo curo éavait 'r ní éileócaio mé an bhaitlinn.

TRANSLATION.

1. One morning as I roved out by the outskirts of the woods I was stricken by an arrow, and no cure could be found for me. I beheld a sportive maiden beneath a thorny cliff. My heart within leaped high for joy-and no cure could be found for me. | 2. Alas, that I am not a mavis, Through the laneway would I deftly steal, And my strain would I sing for you till the day would brightly dawn. If I came across a wise old woman who owned a cow or sheep I should drive it to the fair with her and have amusement thereby. | 3. The women-topers wail aloud-Jesus, Son, give them no help. When the purse is empty, and my heart within is grieved, My hope is yet to find her-Alas, I never shall. And it's like a dart from a wedge of iron-is not love a wasting ill? | 4. My love is adown the garden—a hound, a deer, a steed, She's a fairer captive than man e'er laid eyes upon. Though tall be the elder, and fall its blossoms low, No dew lies in the desert, and there's darkness in the sun. | 5. I shall hie me off to Egypt, or some island hard by: Or to America shall I go at eve of summer with my first love, if I live. Back till doom I will not come-till the cuckoo calls in winter, And till the castle which the Milesians built is being raised again anew. | 6. My friends are on all sides of me-no converse can I hold. There's hard strict watch kept over me if I go out at night. Do not tie up my fingers-leave them prepared. My suit of clothes, my coffin-I will not ask a shroud.

This song comes from Connemara, where Miss Hession (now Mrs. McCann) learned it from the singing of Eamon Breathnach, Spiddal.

Another version of this song was published in "Claippeac na n zaeoeal" under the name, "An brunneal themps," and still another in "Siampa an Zeimpio," p. 73. See also Walsh's "Irish Popular Songs," p. 82.

68.—an tsean-bean liat. (THE GREY-HAIRED OLD WOMAN.)



2. ní reap atá meatra mé 'r ní mapb atá mé

's ní pačatů mé a bpátpotžeače lete an Grean-Bean Liač,

Act viompuijear tapm azur pijnear-ra Záipive,

'S má tá an rpapán lán agat teann aníap.

3. O l cuip rí a lám in a h-orcal ghánda,
'S náp ab dear an maire no'n crean-dean é?
Seo duic-re an c-aipgead 'r ná cainnció 50
bhác aip,

Cá pian na h-eaglair' uilig rór 'oo biaio.

4. Ο! carat an Sagant com agur mionuigear an cár có,

50 μαιδ σεατάτη ράτρτί 50 las 1 mo ότατὸ, 'S 50 μαιδ πάτατρίη σοπα ατα πατ πυεαπρεατο τάρ υδιδ

Oá luigioir páice nó cuillead 'r bliadain.

5. O! rill a baile a vein ré, a peacaiv gnánoa,

'S meara acá cú 'ná an c-é bhaic Oia. Smaonuigim guh bean vo bain an c-uball

'ran ngáipvín, 's cuip cál vo láithe leir an t-rean-bean liat. 6. O! pspiobrann litip, aven ri, asur léis-

An lá buailead opacideace opm agur rmue de'n ceó.

biod culaid feat onm de togad an trioda Agur náca cine com dub le guat, biod buctaide aingio in mo bhógaib ríoda, 's nan dear an mian le meattad mé. 7. ni rean-bean mire, aventri, acc cailin og mé

τυλη η τοι λαμη τός λυπ ι υ-τύμ πο γλοξαί, 'S υλ πλημελύ πο ύελυλ ύοπ το λά πο ρόγτα το πυθιύπη-γε ι το το το λίπο το λίπο πο κίστο δο το διαδαίν για τακά γεος γγελύ η ιξημελύ κλοι αν δρό έ

'B 'ré liat go h-óg mé agur ní le haoir.

TRANSLATION.

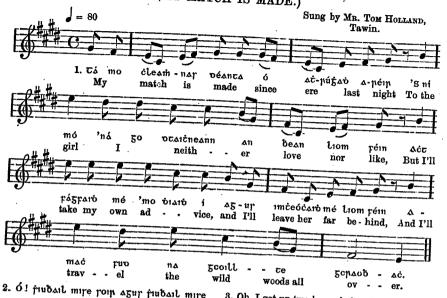
1. Oh, I met the old woman in front of the gap On the fourth day after the war had begun. "Are you a worthless coward, or are you dead, Or would you become a partner with the greyhaired old woman?" | 2. "No coward am I, nor yet am I dead, Still I'll not enter into partnership with the grey-haired old woman." Then I turned away, and laughingly said, "But if you have your purse full, come over to me." | 3. Then she put her hand under her ugly arm,-Did not that become the old woman well?--" Here's the money for you, and never say a word about it, But you have yet to reckon with the whole law of the church." | 4. I met the priest and explained the case to him-That there were four weak children behind me, And that they had a bad little mother who would not pity them. If they lay up for a quarter or more than a year. "Oh, return home," replied he, "you heinous sinner, You are worse than he whom God has judged. I call to mind that it was a woman who took the apple in the garden, So turn the back of your hand to the old grey woman." | 6. "Oh, I used write letters and read my Bible," said she, "Till the day I was bewitched and caught in a mist. I used to wear a bright dress of the best silk, And combs for my hair black as coal, And silver buckles on my silken shoes; So was not I to be desired and wooed?" | 7. "No hag am I," said she, "but a young girl Well educated from my earliest youth, And had my father lived to see me married, I should be (riding) in coaches with royal families. But a year ago he was buried, And it is that, and not old age, that has caused my grey hairs."

Miceal us Commit was awarded first prize for the singing of this song at the Galway Fen, July, 1918. I heard him sing it there, and afterwards in Tawin, where I spent a very pleasant week. Miceal, who himself hails from this little happy Irish-speaking village—consisting in all of fourteen families—told me that he learned the song from a young man from Connemara who used to come periodically to Tawin to help with the harvest.

There is a version of this song of fifteen stanzas given in "Siampa an Heimpio," p. 127.

There is an extra bar given in the first half of the tune which is not required in all the verses.

69.—tá mo cleamnas véanta. (MY MATCH IS MADE.)



- 2. 6! frubait mire roin agur frubait mire
- 'S frubail mire Concais agur phárce b'l-át'-
- Agur ramail de mo cailín dear ní faca mire
- 'S í an bean oub o'fás mo choide cháidte.
- 2. Oh, I walked up and I walked down, And I walked Cork and Dublin town, The likes of my true love I never yet did find, She's the dark-eyed girl is my darling.
- 3. 6! v'éinig mire réin bá uain' noim lá a'r ruain mire licin ó mo mile gnáo: Cuala mé an rmóilín 'r an lonoud o'á páo Jun éaluit mo tháo tan ráile.

- 3. Oh, I got up two hours before day, And I got a letter from my own true love; I heard the blackbird and the linnet say That my love had crossed over the water.
- 4. Ir rava cá mo čappamet mr a mbaile reo le bliatain,
- ní man feall an muine 'r ní man feall an
- ac' man fúil 'r ko bruikinn amancan blácha n-uball
- 1γ é an bean vub a υτυς mo choide spád ví.
- 4. Long have I come for a year to this place, And not for God's sake or Mary's, But hoping for a glance on the apple blossom's
- She's the dark-haired girl who's my darling.

This is another Connemara song which I took down from Mr. Tom Holland, It was sung in Irish and English alternately-a custom which I have been told very frequently prevailed among Irish singers in the West; but this is the only illustration of it which I have been able to register.

70.—beartlin cing. (BARTLEY KING.)



- 2. Siúo é an pát 'bruil mé d'á pát, man tug ré an bánn ó tuaid a'r ó dear, act a Beantlin Cing, mo thád tú coide— Tá mná na típe buadanta leat. Right fol, etc.
- 3. nít éan ceápo i brur nó call
 nán fiubail mé ann a'r mé 50 las,
 'Sion-cun cuainirs' an an mbuacaill
 ba deire shuaid a'r b'áille oneac.

 Right fol, etc.
- My greeting bring to Bartley King,
 The handsome, gracious-mannered boy;
 Say, fools have spoken, no hearts are broken
 In Frenches' country where love's a toy.
- But tell the youth 'tis God's own truth,
 That north and south he killed his game;
 Oh! Bartley dear, since you were here
 No girl her heart again may claim.

4. Oigne váitée a v'ápouig an riubal é Agur tá mo fáil go gearraide an air, act a beanclín eing, mo gnád tá coidee—tá mná na tíne buadanta leat.

Right fol, etc.

5. Thát tig na pluaigte go teat an ceoil, níl bhíg pa ppóint go trig pé ipteat; bí cion a'r gnaoi ag 'c uile theam ain, man bí ré moiglite múinte tear.

Right fol, etc.

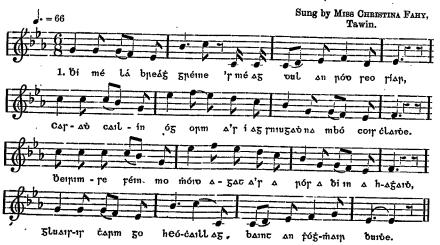
6. Siúo é an rát a bruit mé t'á nát, Man tur ré an bánn ó tuait a'r ó tear, Act a beantlín Cinr, mo thát tú a coitce— Tá mná na tíne buatanta lear.

Right fol, etc.

- 3. And up and down through every town I've worn my brogues and asked all day, If any rover had seen the lover Whose glance has stolen my heart away.
- 4. Since you went abroad with the gay young lord By day and night I call your name; Oh! Bartley dear, since you were here, No girl her heart again may claim.
- 5. The floor may crowd and song be loud, All sport his absence will destroy, For all who met him must still regret him, The handsome, gracious-mannered boy.
- 6. Oh! tell the youth 'tis God's own truth That north and south he killed his game, And Bartley dear, since you were here, No girl her heart again may claim.

I took this song down from the singing of Mr. Philip Waldron, Gaelic League Organizer. As he could remember only the first verse, I have taken the others (with the kind permission of Professor O'Maille) from "Ampain Claime Baeceal," p. 74. Mr. O'Maille gives no indication as to where he got the song.

71.—an raicín áluinn. (THE BEAUTIFUL LITTLE COMB.)



2. Bi mé glic go leon leir an ppoint vo cun

Cuart muro go tit 'n oil le né, ip oóc 'gup ruro muro rior;

Di punch'r rion an bono againn act ir onmra a bí é ioc,

'S gun imčić ré ríor an bóčan uaim a'r mo ηλο' ι η-Α ρόσα τιση.

3. A'r nac bhónac an bean 50 lá mé, a rcóinín ó, aoubaint rí?

ηι σέληται τω τάξηλο τά α' ξάιρισε πό ξο στέιξιο γέ an πόο γο anirc.

Tá an ghuaig ag cuicim n-a duatcaib uaim 'r 5an ceo 'gam a néiticeotar i Ó caill mé an paicín áluinn a bí 50 h-ápo

an cál mo cinn.

4. Βαζαιό τέ απ μόο το απάιμεας αξυς συιμ céao ráilte raoi,

Sochuiğ cataoin clain σό 50 h-ano an lan An cige,

bain a haca v'á čeann agur ná bíot cár na naine one raoi,

nó 50 braifid cú an paicín áluinn a bíod 50 h-ápo an cút mo cinn.

TRANSLATION.

1. One fine sunny day as I went down the road I met a young girl who was stripping cows by the roadside; I give you my word that the rose was in her cheeks, She brushed by me to Eochaill (Youghal) at the cutting of the yellow harvest. | 2. I was artful enough to promote the merriment, We went to the tavern for a while, and of course we sat down. We had punch and wine on the counter, and I had to pay the score, And he went adown the road from me-and my comb below in his pocket. | 3. "And am I not the sad woman, my darling O?" said she, "No cheer nor laughter shall I have till he comes this road again. My hair is falling in ringlets,—I have nothing to fix it up, Since I lost my beautiful little comb which sat up behind in my hair." | 4. He will come this road to-morrow and welcome him right well, Arrange a wooden chair for him in the middle of the floor. Take the hat from off his head-be not ashamed of him. And you'll find the beautiful little comb which used to be behind in my hair."

Miss Fahy told me she learned this song from her father. The air seems to be a variant of the well-known song in English, "Oh, Limerick is beautiful," and it probably hails from Munster, as there is a tradition amongst the Tawin people that they originally came from Clare to settle in Galway a few generations ago.

Another version of this song is published by Rev. P. Walsh in his "Cnuraco Beas Ampain," Part V, p. 7.

Petrie also has an air of this name, No. 1082.

72.—conniteac stas an rósmair. (THE GREEN AUTUMN STUBBLE.)



- 2. Ο' είμις mé Οια Cέατασιπ, ταη Liom rein, δί απ παιτιπ τυαμ,
- Cia o'feicrinn in a Léine act mo céav-feanc agur í faoi ghuaim;
- Onuroeaman le céile a'r va bréivimír feobamaoir 'un ruain
- 1. When stubble lands were greening you came among the stooks,
- And grace was in your feet then, and love was in your looks,
- In your cheeks the rose grew redder, and your hair in clusters lay,
- And I would we lived together, or together slipped away.

3. Οίοπαο Riog na h-Aoine co'n τέ α οίδης πο gnáo i brao naim,

Jan neape a'm out 'n-a zaoban lá raoine ná zo moc Oia luain;

Οά mbeit τέ ας bάιττις coibce, a'r 50 γίομημις α' τη γηθαστα α υ-τυαίο,

Le mo mian vá bragainn ceao rínead, béidinn com haubinn Leir an eal' an cuan.

- 4. 'S thuag gan mire'm' éinín ir dear a léim-
- nó 'm' earcuin an toc éinne, ir bear bo rnam-rainn i ó cuan 50 cuan;
- Léigrinn-re glan-Baevilge agur rgníobrainn í le bann mo pinn,
- 's ní řéadam compád a déanam le 'n-a éadenume a'r 'cá 'mo ceann.

- 2. I had a dream on Wednesday that bitter was the frost.
- And I saw my love lamenting at dawn that I was lost;
- Methought I came beside her and held her tenderly.
- And all Erin I defied then to part my love and me.
- 3. My curse on him is spoken who keeps my love from me,
- And swears that to our courting he never will agree:
- For though skies should send the deluge, or the snowy North its flakes,
- We two could live as pleasant as the swans upon the lakes.
- 4. The sea-gull's heart is merry when the fish is in his beak,
- And the eel within Loch Erne can swim from creek to creek,
- And I spoke tripping Gaelic, and merry songs
 I've sung.
- But now my wits are crazy, and leaden is my tongue.

Mrs. Maguire tells me that this air was familiar to her husband as a boy in Joyce Country.

The words given are taken from "Siampa an Beimilio," p. 130. Another version is given in "An Fibin," p. 3.

Petrie has an air of this name, No 1181.

73.—caisteán uí néitt (iv). (CASTLE O'NEILL.)



2. To featlair-re réin vom

50 mbnéafrá mo leand an voúr,

Oo featlair i na béid rin

50 mbead aon-cifear ioin mé afur cú.

Dá featlad i nafaid an lae dom

no fun leifear-ra leatra mo nún,

Ac, rainíon féan vudac,

Cá mo choide 'reif com vud leir an ngual.

8. Tá mo gáinoin bheág 'n-a fárac, A'r a ghád geal nac mhree leac é, Sac padrae dá áille Tá, rár 'nior chi dánn glar na ché. ni cloipim 'ra 'crpáid reo Ceol cláiprige ná ceileadap na n-éan, Ó d'éalaig mo gpád uaim, Cailín áluinn, 50 Cairleán tíi néill.

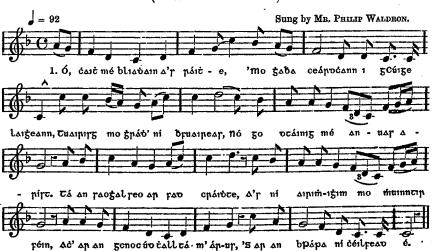
4. Tá mópán ve'n bpón reo,
A vianrtóipín, a vul timéeall mo époive,
Agur lán mo vá bpóigín
De veopa a' rile liom ríor.
Spád buacaill óg a bpeo mé,
'Sé an spád úv a bam víom mo ciall,
ac ní mairre mé beo mí
má pórair an bean vub ó'n rliab.

TRANSLATION.

1. A hundred farewells to last evening, My sorrow that it is not to-night! (With) my sweet charming boy Who would woo me awhile on his knee! Should I tell you my story, There is danger you'd not keep my secret, That my love is about to desert me, Oh, God of brightness, and, oh, Mary, is it not sad: | 2. You yourself promised me That you would soothe my child at first. You promised me later That one place of abode would be ours. Two promises for each day (you gave) me, Till my secret to you I confided; But woe, bitter and gloomy, My heart within (me) is black as the coal. | 3. My fair little garden is run wild, And, my bright love, does it not affect you, [To see] every flower, howe'er pretty (growing wild), That grows up through the green surface of the earth; In this street I hear not Harp's music nor song of the birds Since my love has stolen away from me, My fair Coolin, to Castle O'Neill. | 4. Much of this sorrow, My treasure, goes round my heart, And the full of my two little shoes of the tears that I shed (for you); 'Tis the love of a young boy has crushed me, 'Tis that love has deprived me of reason! But another month I'll not be alive If you wed the dark maid of the hill!

This song was kindly sent to me by the Rev. Professor T. O'Kelly, U. C., Galway. He states that it was given to him by Miss Maggie Costello, St. Joseph's Terrace, Galway, who learned it from Cartin ni Kabann, Gaelic League organizer. The air is quite unlike the other versions given in the early part of this book (see pp. 9-13).

74.—an saba ceárocann. (THE BLACKSMITH.)



2. Soin ατά πο ταρμαίηςτ
αξυγ πας τανα υαίπ-γε ξηάν πο όροινε,
ά fiella an cúilín péacaif,
1 νο νέιν-γε πί παιργεαν bec.

Ταρμαίης τύ milleán πόρ ορπ
αςτ α γτοιρίη πίορ παίτ leat é,
παοι η-υαίρε, δ' feapp liom póγτα leat
δο πόρ-πόρ 'ná beit i brlaitear νέ.

3. πας δρεάξ πας σταξαπη τύ, α δεαξάπ, Αξυγ πέ α βάξάι ο πο πυππιτη κέπ, πας δρεάξ πας σταξαπη τύ α ξράδ ξι, 'δυγ πέ α βάξάι υπο υίνε το δέτρ. Μυρα δκυί γιαν κάγτα Leif απ δοάγ γεο α βάξάι η κέτδ, Θέαπαι ξιδ τύπδα ο δάι το δοπ Δξυγ κάξαι ξιδ πέ δο νοιπίπ ι δορέ.

4. Μαραό π' ιητιπη σάπα ξεοδαιπη άρμη μαιό πο πιμηπτιη γέιη, δα αξυη ταοιριξ δάπα Αξυη ράιρισεαιπα λε 'η-α ξτυη 'υπ γέιη, το το και το

5. Diombáid Ríog na haoine
Do'n té a díbin mo gnád i brad uaim,
ní réidin Liom dul 'n-a gadban
Aon Dia haoine no go moc Dia Luain.
Dá mbíod ré 'n-a redinim teinnte
A'r an dide ag cun reaca 'deuaid,
le mo nún dá brágainn cead rinte
Déinn com haoibinn leiran eala ancuan.

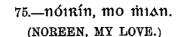
7. D'éipif mé Dia Céadaoin
D'éagcaoin ('p bí) an maidin puap,
Cé d'feicrinn act mo céad-feanc
an chocáinín a' p í ibrad uaim.
Soipifeaman le 'n-a céile,
nó gun leigeaman an oidce 'un puain,
a' p má' p í do tháichín 'cá 'do diaid onin,
ruil a cléide aici agur galan dubac.

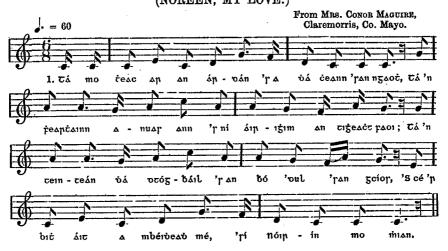
TRANSLATION.

1. I spent a year and a quarter A forge-smith in Leinster, I heard not of my true-love Till I came back again. The people I left are heart-broken, And I mention (count) not my own people, But on yonder hill is my residence, And on the (from the) Pope I won't deny it. 2. The East is my attraction, And isn't it far from me my own heart's love is? O, Page of the proud tresses (beautiful locks), After you I shall not live. You drew upon me great blame, But, my darling, you didn't wish it. Nine times I'd rather be married to you Than even to be in God's Heaven. 3. Isn't it nice that you come not, John, And get me from my own people, Isn't it nice that you come not, my loved one, And get me from them all (entirely)? If they aren't satisfied To prepare (arrange) this case, O! make ye a tomb of boards for me And place ye me beneath the clay. 4. Only for my bold mind 1'd get a residence from my own people, Cows and white sheep, And parks in which to graze them, A long summer of slumber (sleep of summer), And permission to be spending the time in fun, But (and) I'd prefer (to be) on the shallows (moors) Plucking sorrel with the love of my heart. 5. (May) the disappointment of the King of Friday Upon the person who drove my love far away from me. I cannot

go near her Any Friday, or early on Monday. (But) if it were a storm of fire (lightning) And the night freezing from the North, And had I permission to rest (stretch) beside my secret love, I'd be as happy as the swan in the harbour. | 6. Did you hear, or did you get any news Of my own love for a month (or more) Over through the lonely islands Or down again through the heathery lands? I paid no attention (heed) to your voice. Tho' in great distress, you were joking. So I am young enough yet, And will be permitted sport in some village. | 7. I arose on Wednesday Lamenting, (and the) morn (was) cold. Whom should I see but my first love On a little hill, (and he) far away from me. We called to each other And rested for the night—And if it is your mother grudges you to me, Her heart's blood be hers, and the black disease!

I took down this song from the singing of Mr. Philip Waldron. He tells me he learned it in Spiddal from Cáιτ ni Coιγοελίδα, and also from Cáιτ ni Coιγοελίδα, and also from Cáιτ ni Coiγοελίδα, Drombane, Ballyhaunis.





- 2. A5 oul thi murgeo dom'r mé a' cómpád le mnaoi,
- šlao ri mo pocarbe a'r nion ráz ri a'm pitinn,
- τά τιοτ ας Όια, α γτόιμία, ααδ δηόα 'τά ομα ταοι,
- 'S vá mbeidead uirg' an na bóicnib 'r vóig nac druiginn bhaon.
- 3. A vul tại frairo Balla bom lá féil' muine món,
- ας σίοι πο čυιο ελημαιό α'ς ξά μοιπης le mo γεόρ,
- nuaip fiarpuisear bean na Leanna viom, "Cia bruil luac na mbpóz"?
- "Cuip mé le hanam na mapo é'cá i oceampoll Muigeó."

- 4. A'r nac rada mé i n-uaignear a' ténuideact bean tige,
- a cuaipire ni bruaip mé apiam in mo faofal so braca mé an reuaid-dean ap éadd envic 'n-a ruide,
- 'S a rolt 'n-a naoi noualtaid 'gá rguadaú le gaoit.
- 5. 1 5 Cairleán an Danhaif 'read codail mé anéin,
- bí mo man agam agur níond fava liom é; Ag cun mo lám' čanc dom go dpógrann a beul
- Fuain mé an áit folam 'r an leaba rúm réin.
- 6. ní téanfait mé imine 'r ní téanfait mé ól,
- ni déanfaid mé nid an bit act 'cuile nid man if coin,
- nó go rincean' ran goill mé 'r go océife úin or mo cionn,
- Le mnaoi eile'oo biaib, a recipin, ni leigrib mé mo nún.

- 7. Racao 'un na coill' chaobais a' baint prieuna la ceo,
- a' baine ubla ve bappaid zéazán a'r az reolad an vá bó;
- Oá παρταοι Liom mo céanteanc 'r o'á béilín baintinn póπ,
- A'r cé rin vo'n cé úv náp bain an rgeul vó.
- 8. Đá breicteá mo nóinín a'r a cúl leir an tuinn,
- Fáinne óin an méin léi rí a' rlíocad a cinn;
 'S é dubaint mac an éaiptín agur é gabáil
 a luing,
- Somb'feannleir bo rein i natine gan poinne.
- 9. "An nglacrá le nómín vá bráttá í man mnaoi?"
- flaicrinn le nóipín, ir i spád seal mo choide.
- ni'l teac ann ná ápur, ná áit a otabaiprinn i,
- 'S nuain nac bruil, rág mé, 'r céao rlán le mo mian.

TRANSLATION.

1. My house is on the hill, with its ends to the wind, The rain is down thro' it, and I do not notice my coming under it (i.e. it provides no shelter). The hearth-rent is being raised, and my cow is going as rent, And wherever my treasure is, Noreen is my love's desire. | 2. I was going thro' Mayo, and whilst talking to a woman She plundered my pockets and did not leave me a penny. Before God, my love, it is not lamenting it I am, And if water were running on the roads, I suppose I would not get a drop. | 3. I was going through the street of Balla on Lady-day, Selling my goods, and sharing them with my dearest one, When the ale-woman asked me, "Where is the price of the boots?" "I gave it for the repose of the souls that are in Mayo churchyard." | 4. Am I not a long time in lonely quest of a wife?—No trace of one did I ever get, Until I saw the fair lady sitting on the side of a hill, With her hair in nine tresses waving in the wind. | 5. In Castlebar I slept last night, I had my darling with me, and I didn't feel it long. Putting out my hands, to kiss her mouth, I found the place empty, with the bed to myself. | 6. I'll make no fun, and I'll drink no more, And I'll do nothing but what is right; Until I am laid in the grave, with the clay o'er my head, I'll give my secret to no other woman after you, my love. | 7. I will go to the thickly branched wood to pick berries on a foggy day. To pick apples from the tips of the branches, and drive the two cows. If I should meet my first love, her lips I would kiss, And what is that to anyone whom it does not concern? | 8. You should have seen my Noreen with her back to the waves, A gold ring on her finger, and she smoothing her head. The captain's son said, as he went on board. That he would prefer to have her for

himself than all Ireland. | 9. "Would you take Noreen, if you were to get her for a wife?." I would take her, she is the bright love of my heart. There is neither house, nor dwelling, nor a place to which I would bring her, And since there isn't, leave me, and farewell to my love.

This is another song sent to me by Mrs. Maguire of Claremorris. She sent only one verse of this song, and I have taken the other verses from "Siampa na Seimpio," p. 70. The air is a good version of a fairly popular tune to which the words of an old music hall song, "Villikins and his Dinah," used to be sung.

76.—moll out an fleanna. (DARK MOLL OF THE GLEN.)



2. Muain a bheachuigim réin anonn
Inr an áit a mbíonn mo nún
Sileann ó mo rúilib rhut veóna,
A'r a Rig geal na nOúl, véan ruairgealt an
mo cúir
Man 'rí bean vub an gleanna vo bheó mé.
Cuprá: 'Sí moll vub, etc.

3. Oá brágainn-re bean 'ra Mumain
'S chiún bean 'ra Laigeann
Agur bean mbéan dá míle bó aici,
act 'rí bean na bráinne mbuine a cháo go deo
mo choide,

Δ'γ mo cúiς céao rlán 50 deo léi. Cuprá: 'Sí móll dub, etc.

4. Cá ințean as an iapla, 's cá pire so pioclac, Oo mo iappaiò-re fátail le pórao, Act vá bráfainn-re réin mo nofain ve inná óga vear 'an voinain, 'Sí moll vub an fleanna vo tógrainn. Cuprá: 'Sí moll vub, etc.

δ. Siúr é γιαρ mo τεαδ
'S ξαη νε τίση αιρ αξτ αη γεραιτ,
'S é νέαντα αρ leατ-ταοιδ αη δόταιρ,
'S πας ερίσημα νο δίση αη δεας πυαιρ α τέαναπη γι α πεαν
Le τεαγ αξυγ le ξριαη αη τόξιπαιρ.
Cuprá: 'Si moll vub, etc.

6. Huain a aopuiseann an crlac
Ní fanann uinte mear
Act as thuc leir an ouileóisín ir óise,
Act a cailín áluinn bear, v'éalaid uaim le
rphear,
'S mo cúis céad rlán 50 deo leat.
Cuprá: 'Sí moll dub, etc.

TRANSLATION.

1. On the mountain I have a cow, And have herded her for long, Till a fair maiden stole my reason. I lead her to and fro, Wherever the sun goes, Until she returns in the evening. Chorus. - She is dark Moll of the glen, She is dark Moll of the Spring, She is dark Moll, redder than the rose, And did I get my choice of the world's prettiest young women, It is dark Moll of the glen I'd prefer.— | 2. Whenever I look around me At the place where my treasure is, A stream of tears flows from my eyes. O, bright God of Might, relieve my misery, For it is the dark woman of the glen that has destroyed me. | 8. Did I get a woman in Munster, And three of them in Leinster, And a woman with two thousand cows, Yet it is the woman of the golden ringlets who has broken my heart for life, Farewell to her for ever, farewell five hundred times. | 4. The Earl has a daughter, Who is highly fashionable, And who's trying to get me to marry her, But did I get my choice of the world's prettiest and youngest women, It is dark Moll of the glen I'd select. | 5. Yonder is my house With no covering but sods of earth, Built on the road-side-How wise of the bee to build up her hive In the heat and sunlight of Autumn. | 6. When the twig grows old No fruit remains upon it, But jealous of the youngest little leaf.—But, pretty, lovely maid, thou hast gone from me with a good-fornothing fellow, My five hundred farewells to you for ever!

This song is well known all over Ireland, both under this title and as "bean out an Steanna." Some of the stanzas of the above version must, I think, have been corrupted in transmission.

A Munster version appears in "Cnuaraco beaz Ampáin," Part vi, in "Poets and Poetry of Munster," p. 220, and in nearly every musical publication for the last century.

At page 115 of the "Love-songs of Connacht," Dr. Hyde says this song was written by Donal Considine of the Co. Clare.

The words were written down for me by Mr. Michael Fahy (" Taoz ") and Mr. Michael Connif, Tawin. The fourth verse is taken from Dr. Hyde's version.

77.—céaroca antoine ouib. (THE FORGE OF BLACK ANTHONY.)



Di na rplannopada az éspize le rpazdadaib an tige

Δ'r me a' rágáil m' anam ag gáine.

3. nuain ruainear mo láide, 'r í gléarca im'

Sochuizear'un obain i a'r o'oibhizearanlá, ni'l aon rean óg o'an beacuizead ran áit nac rgotrainn 'ran gcóimlint an lá rin. "Searam a'r ppneacad go naid i oo láim a'r nac múctan oo teaglac go oci lá an thirt.

οηταίος παθηλατέσες το το ευπολέ ξας λά, 1η τά απ ξαδα απά πάπτε ι το εσάποτα." 4. 'Séapo oubaint an piuinéana bi le mo taoib,

"Oan cinnce, a buacaill, it vear an ball i, bi an ceannaine leatain a'r an ceitead mon ruiti,

Α'ς ξεαμηταθ ςί μοιπρι αι δυαθάι." Sέαμο συδαιμε αι ταδαμιαθόιη δί ος πο comain,

"Oan cinnee, a buacaill, if vear vo cuage mon,

b'feann Liom ná biní í abam bo veó, ir vear a ceaprad rí balún a'r báirín. 5. ná véanaigiú iongnaú ve'n gaba bí ann, 'Se ancoine Ó Siopaváin pinne an ball, 'Stá vaoine uairle Connacta 'glacaú aplaim aige

a'r é a' veánam vóbta "fenders" a'r spácaí.

'Sé fléarrad an céacta i broinm 'r i gcaoi 50 n-iomphóc' rí an ród ó'n nghinneall anior,

a'r a focnóc' an bháca so nuirread ré thio,

a'r ní magad, nac ndéanfad ré láide!

TRANSLATION.

1. I arose early one morning And visited Black Anthony's forge. "I have got the material here for a spade And I want you to make it immediately." He spoke to me politely and calmly, "If a hundred were before you, you'd be the first. Blow the bellows behind my back, And I'll start making your spade." | 2. He produced tobacco and a pipe, And seated himself on a chair by my side, An ounce of the leaves he smoked for food And proceeded to fashion (smooth) my spade. He settled the fire-place until it lay down, And by heating he joined the iron and steel, The sparks were rising to the roof of the house, While I was almost dying with laughter. | 3. When I had my spade finished off in my hand I prepared for work, and worked all day long; Not a young man born in the place But I'd surpass that day in a contest. "Strength and vigour be in your hand, May your hearth be not extinguished for ever, Protected by the angels of Heaven each day, You were the well-mannered smith in your forge." | 4. Thus spoke the carpenter by my side, "Surely, my boy, 'tis a nice article, The bellows was under it and abundance of heat, And 'twould cut before it the bone of a horn." Thus spoke the turner in my presence. "Surely, my boy, your big axe is a pretty one. I'd be better pleased to have it than a guinea, How nicely 'twould shape a gallon and basin." | 5. Don't ye be surprised seeing the smith that was in it. 'Twas Anthony Sheridan manufactured the article. The nobility of Connaught keep him constantly busy Making fenders and grates for them. He could prepare the plough in such a form and way That it would turn the sod up from the gravel, And adjust the harrow so that 'twould tear through it, And not joking, 'tis he that could make a spade!

I got this song from my friend Mr. Colman, Inspector of National Schools. It was taken down by him at Spiddal from a man named nioclár ó briain. Mr. Colman tells me that nioclár was born on Oileán Ruao, which lies in Lough Mask, near Clonbur. The barring in this song is slightly irregular, but the phrasing requires the full bar at the end.

78.—máire inis-seirc. (MARY OF INNISHERK.)



- 3. "An reachán ra brainnge cuineat le rán mé
- Δη τυληγης πο δάισίη σ'ιπτις le γημτ."
- Θά πλαιητεαύ-τα 'η τ'απρό τοπ δίιαταιη πό τρί ράιτε Θεαύ ρός α'η τέαυ τάιλτε αξαπ ό πίάιρε τηιη-Seipc."

- 4. leas ri anuar asam bono a naib rion ain-
- "éinit 'oo furoe to n-olfaimío ococ,

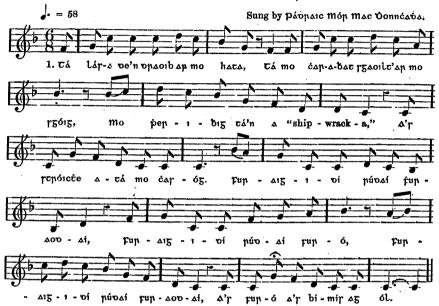
 Tá lán buroéil agampa, a'r na floineócaí
 líonta"—
- " δαιγτελό πα hοιόδε σύιπη" αμ-γα πάιμε 1111γ-Seinc.
- 5. Τά peιστιύη πα conómeas an toras a conre,
- Tá piortal 'n-a póca a'r lann 'n-a glaic,
 Tá búcalí ve'n aingeav a'r bobraí ve'n
 ón 'ci---
- Cé véappar nac "Seó i, maine inir-Seinc."

TRANSLATION.

1. The priest has banished me out into the glens, My character is lost, and I must depart; I wouldn't marry any woman who would prove false to me, It's often for three months past she has made me weep. | 2. I went on an island, a very wild place it was, And I made a race down through the middle of it; I encountered a fair maiden, who spoke very gently, Asking where I came from, and whither I went. | 3. "I was sent wandering over the sea In search of my boat which had gone with a flood." Even if hardship should be my lot for a year or three-quarters, I'd have a kiss and a hundred welcomes from Mary of Innisherk. | 4. She laid down a table on which there was wine. "Arise, my friend," says she, "and let us have a drink; I've got a full bottle, and the glasses are filled." "The baptism of the night to us," says Mary of Innisherk. | 5. She has a picture of the crown on the front of her carriage, A pistol in her pocket, and a sword-blade in her hand. She has buckles of silver and ear-rings of gold. Who could help saying, "There's Mary of Innisherk"?

This is another song given to me by Mr. Colman, Inspector of National Schools. It is, I understand, fairly well known in the Spiddal and Carraroe districts of Connemara. There is a doubt about the proper title of the song, as a man from Spiddal assures me that they invariably sing it as "Máipe Ni 'Scuipe" (perhaps "Máip' Inip-Cuipe,"—"Mary of Innisturk"?), but Mr. Colman, who has gone to some trouble in investigating the matter, is quite positive that it should be "Máipe Inip-Seipe." "The small island of Innisherk ('Inip-Seipe') is," he says, "situated off Lettermullen. Máire was a servant on the island—so I heard from páopais Mac Oonneada, Róp-a-bit. I inquired from all the school children of Innisherk (they come to Lettermullen N. S.), but none had heard the song. I got, however, a verse or two from a little girl in the school at Carraroe,"

79.—bímís az ól. (Let us be drinking.)



- 2. Véappainn-pe chí ba uaim péin ouic, a'r capb.'na diaid pin 'ra nóo, Seippead de éapaill an éaoid énuic Dá mbéiteá fan flaodad fo cit an óil.
- 3. A carllit, nion of me to caopa, nion of me to punt na to copoin, Ac' a carllit, rul a bratrat an c'aonac Olparo me luac to ta brot.

TRANSLATION.

1. There is a band of mud on my hat, My cravat is loose on my neck, My periwig has suffered shipwreek, And my coat is tattered and rent. | 2. I would give three cows of my own to you, And a bull in addition on the road, A team of horses on the side of the hill, If you'd only forsake the drinking-house. | 3. Old woman, I ne'er drank (the price of) your sheep, Your pound or your crown I ne'er drank, But, old woman, before I'd abandon the fair, I'd drink the price of your two shoes.

This song was also given to me by Mr. Colman, who learned it from pάσμαιο Μόμ Μαο Όσηπολοα, Rop-a-bit, Connemara. There should be another verse, but pάσμαιο had forgotten it.

80.—an oibirteac.

(THE EXILE.)



- 2. It out atá an tráile món,
 It commo out tá rí;
 Act ó it comme tá mo thón,
 It cuite tá mo choite!
 Act ó it cuite tá mo choite,
 'S mé thiall uait anoct,
 San fior asam an brillfic mé
 So bhát com' oileán boct!
- 3. Anoir atá mé oul an rán,
 17 thuat atá mo cár,
 5an tior atam bruil ré a noán
 Oam teace to bhát an air.
 Liom réin atá mé oul an rán,
 An read an traotail móin;
 An iontantae é, mo choide beit lán
 'S mé ttanamain le mo rtón!
- Farewell, farewell, dear land of mine, Since I must part from you!
 And yet—and yet—I hesitate
 To speak my last adieu.
 I do not say adieu, asthore,
 I do not say adieu,
 For though I sail the deep blue seas,
 I still remember you.
- Oh, gloomy are the ocean ways,
 Deep with a wild unrest,
 But blacker is the surging grief
 That trembles through my breast—
 That murmurs in my vacant heart,
 Cold in this dark to-night—
 I wonder if those island shores
 No more shall glad my sight!

4. The part son bean agam ná clann,
ná cailín fhaoint mé;
tus mé spád duit so hiomlán,
's tú fuain uaim uile é.
Di ré có teit agur có fion.
nac breudrainn é do noint,
A'r tus mo choide i réin d'á tín
so slan san caim' no raint.

5. ina cuaptaigim an paogal lán,
O'n mbáph 50 ocí an bonn;
má fiúblaim thío an ooman iomlán
Anall agur anonn;
ní bruigió mé aon áic 50 bhác,
Aon coinneull, ball, nó clúio,
D'á ocabaptainn reanc mo choide 'r
mo gháð
acc σ'éipinn cá faoi rmúio!

6. má tá rí 'noir paoi rmúid a'r renior,

Thom rmúid agur thom éed;
O cóffamuid a rmúid a rír,

a'r reapramuid a ced.
Aéd cá bruil rárað dam le ráfail
'S mé rad ó cín mo choide?
Adáim ag iméeact, 'ré mo chád,—

a brillrið mé a coidé'?

7. Act móidim é, cuimneocaid mé,
'S mé míle míl' ó d' cháig,
'Na choic 'p na gleannta d' aichig mé,
'Na macainide 'p na blác;
Sid d'é mo cáp go lá mo dáip.
Cuimneocaid mipe cú;
A'p muna discudaim teact an aip
Slán leat agup a dieú!

3. I wander on my lonely way,
And bitter is my lot;
Perhaps I'm fated to return,
Perhaps—I know it not.
Alone I seek the lonely ways
Across the lonesome world;
Small wonder that the coils of grief
Around my heart are cur

 No mate I knew, no child was mine, No maiden do I mourn;
 The fuliness of my love was thine, Nor did I seek return;
 So fervent and so pure it was No soilure did it know,
 I laid my heart against thy breast And felt its fervid glow.

5. Were I to roam the wide, wide world,
And wander o'er and o'er
The devious winding ways of earth,
By surging sea and shore;
O, never, never would I find
One sweet secluded place
Meet for the loving glance I gave
Sweet Erin's clouded face!

6. A ruinous cloud is o'er her brow Of black and ghastly sheen, Yet shall the thunders of our love In lightnings shroud our queen. Oh, whither shall I seek repose Far from the land I mourn, Companion to a haunted heart That hungers to return?

7. I swear I never shall forget, Where alien waters boom, The hills and valleys that I knew, The beauty and the bloom; And ever to my dying day Shall I remember you, And, should I never more return, Farewell, dear land, adieu! I give this farewell song—the last one in the book—as an example of a modern song creeping into folklore. The words were written by Dr. Douglas Hyde, and appeared in "Fion Claippeac na h-Éineann" (p. 67), compiled by T. O'Neill Russell (1900).

I heard them sung some years ago at a Galway Féis by Miss Brennan, Athleague, Co. Roscommon. She told me she had learned the air from her mother.

