

25a Erin's Lovely Home - Mr Anderson

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1
 When I was young and in my prime, just agèd twenty-one,
 then I became a servant unto a gentleman.
 I served him true and honestly, and very well it's known,
 but cruelly he banished me from Erin's lovely home.

2
 The reason why he banished me I mean to let you know;
 't'is true I love his daughter, and she loves also.
 She had a handsome fortune, but riches I had none,
 and that's the reason he banished me from Erin's lovely
 home.

3
 'Twas in her father's garden all in the month of June,
 when all things look pleasant; the flowers in full bloom.
 She said, 'My dearest Willie, if along with me you'll roam,
 and never fret for things you leave in Erin's lovely home.'

4
 'Twas in that night I gave consent which proved my
 overthrow,
 that from her father's garden along with her to go.
 The moon shone bright above as from the garden we did
 roam;
 we thought we had got safe away from Erin's lovely home.

5
 When we arrived safe at Belfast just by the break of day,
 I said, 'Prepare, my jewel, our passage for to pay.'

Five hundred pounds she did pay down saying, 'That shall
 be your own,
 and never fret for those you've left in Erin's lovely home.'

6
 But to my great misfortune I mean to let you hear,
 in two or three days after her father did appear.
 He marched me off back to the gaol in the county of Tyrone,
 where I was then transported from Erin's lovely home.

7
 When I received my sentence, it grieved my heart full sore;
 but parting with my own true love, it grieved me ten times
 more.
 There's seven links all on my chain, and every link a year
 before I can return again to her I love so dear.

8
 When the cab man came to the jail yard to take us all away,
 my true love she came to me and this to me did say,
 'Cheer up your heart, be not afraid, for you I would die alone;
 I hope to see your face again in Erin's lovely home.'

9
 Farewell unto old England for the space of seven years,
 and those I left behind me bewailing in their tears;
 but if once more I do return I never again will roam,
 but hope to live with her I love in Erin's lovely home.