

40 Lads of Kilkenny - Mr Elmer

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "It's the lads of Kilkenny are brave roving blades, and if ever they meet with some nice little maids they'll kiss and they'll coax them and spend their money free; of all the towns in Ireland, it's Kilkenny for me."

1
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and if ever they meet with some nice little maids
they'll kiss and they'll coax them and spend their
money free;
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2
In the town of Kilkenny there runs a clear stream;
in the town of Kilkenny there lives a pretty dame.
Her lips are like roses and her mouth much the same,
like a dish of fresh strawberries all smothered in cream.

3
Her eyes are as black as Kilkenny's large coal,
which through my poor bosom have burnt a large hole.
Her mind like its river is mild, clear and pure,
but her heart is more hard than its marble, I'm sure.

4
Kilkenny is a pretty town and shines where it stands,
and the more I think of it the more my heart warms.
If I was at Kilkenny I should then be at home,
for there I got sweethearts but here I can get none.

5
I'll build my love a castle on Kilkenny's fair ground;
neither lords, dukes or esquires shall ever pull it down;
and if anyone should ask you to tell them my name,
I am an Irish exile, from Kilkenny I came.