

The Irish Washerwoman

Irish Folk Song, Jig

Traditional

Musical notation for measures 1-6. The piece is in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The bass line features dotted half notes and quarter notes.

Musical notation for measures 7-13. Measure 7 begins with a repeat sign. Measures 8-13 continue the melody and accompaniment, with some notes marked with accents (>). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Musical notation for measures 14-22. Measure 14 begins with a repeat sign. The first system of the second part is marked with a first ending (*1x f*) and a second ending (*2x mp*). The melody and accompaniment continue with a consistent rhythmic pattern.

Musical notation for measures 23-30. Measure 23 begins with a repeat sign. The first system of the third part is marked with a first ending (*1x mp*) and a second ending (*2x f*). The melody and accompaniment continue, with some notes marked with accents (>). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

When I was at home I was merry and frisky,
My dad kept a pig and my mother sold whisky,
My uncle was rich, but never would by aisey
Till I was enlisted by Corporal Casey.
Och! rub a dub, row de dow, Corporal Casey,
My dear little Shelah, I thought would run crazy,
When I trudged away with tough Corporal Casey.

I marched from Kilkenny, and, as I was thinking
On Shelah, my heart in my bosom was sinking,
But soon I was forced to look fresh as a daisy,
For fear of a drubbing from Corporal Casey.
Och! rub a dub, row de dow, Corporal Casey!
The devil go with him, I ne'er could be lazy,
He struck my shirts so, ould Corporal Casey.

We went into battle, I took the blows fairly
That fell on my pate, but they bothered me rarely,
And who should the first be that dropped, why, and please ye,
It was my good friend, honest Corporal Casey.
Och! rub a dub, row de dow, Corporal Casey!
Thinks I you are quiet, and I shall be aisey,
So eight years I fought without Corporal Casey.