Bold McIntyres



Verse 1.*

In County Kildare
On Hibernia's shore
Lived a family of John McIntyre's.
There was Mike and Tim the twins,
And they stand upon their pins:
We're the elegant bold McIntyres.

Verse 2.

There's the Rellys
And the Kellys
And the ocean and the sea,
There's the Cases and all the McGuires,
Oh bow down to us low as walking we go:
We're the elegant bold McIntyres.

Verse 3

There is old Uncle Pat
With his high beaver hat
He could wheel any braggard McGuire.
There were Mike and Tim the twins,
And they stand upon there pins:
We're the elegant bold McIntyres.

* Questionable lyrics (particularly "elegant") based on HST field notes.

Critical Commentary

Transcriptions by MB and HST.

HST notes:

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Sung by Arthur (Happy) Moseley, Black River Falls.

The elegant bold McIntyres, so Mr. Moseley told us, were real Wisconsin people. He knew some of the family. The song was sung in the lumber camps along the Black and Chippewa rivers.