

Enniskillen

As sung by
Winifred Bundy

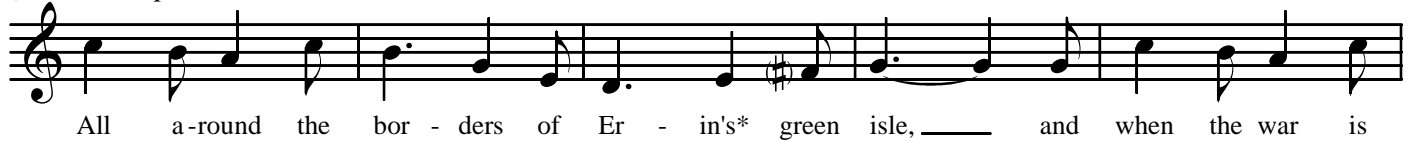
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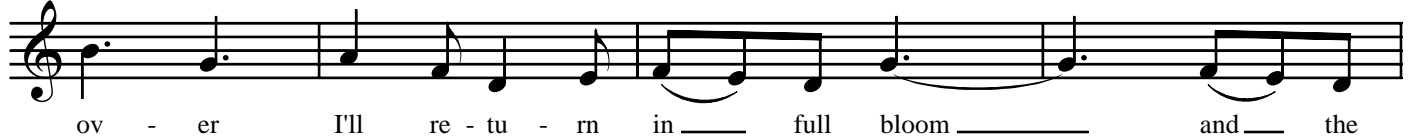
Fare thee well _____ En - ni - skil - len, _____ fare thee well _____ for a while.

5 *a tempo*



All a-round the bor - ders of Er - in's* green isle, _____ and when the war is

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ov - er I'll re - tu - rn in _____ full bloom _____ and _____ the

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lord will be with ya' _____ En - ni skil - len _____ dra - goon.

Chorus

Fare thee well Enniskillen,
Fare thee well for a while.
All around the borders of Erin's* green isle,
And when the war is over I'll return in full bloom,
And the lord will be with ya' Enniskillen dragoon.

* The lyric "Erin's" is taken from Ord.

Critical Commentary

HST notes:

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Sung by Winifred Bundy, age 57, Madison, 1941.

This is a closing verse from "The Enniskillen Dragoon" which Joyce states, was of Ulster origin and was sung all over Ireland. In the verses, as printed by Joyce, Flora bids farewell to Willie who has enlisted to serve as a royal Enniskillen Dragoon. She assures him of the blessing of her parents, although they do not approve of her love for him.

Miss Bundy's comment was, "I regret I know only the chorus of this old Irish song." Eddy's singer also recalled only the closing verse but remembered the story as Miss Bundy told it. In both instances the singer sang a melody almost identical with the one in Joyce.

Miss Bundy's comment was, "I regret I know only the chorus of this old Irish song. It is about a dragoon who asked his love to be true to him when he left for the wars. Apparently he didn't trust her, for he came back in disguise, but he got fooled, for either she knew him or really had been faithful."

Editor's notes:

This very common Irish-British song refers to the British Army regiment of Enniskillen Dragoon Guards (a.k.a. Inniskilling/Enniskilling/Iniskilling Dragoons).

Alternate titles/related songs: "Fare Ye Well, Inniskillen," "Inniskillen," etc. with spelling changes.

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