

# Carrickfergus

Traditional Irish

(traced to "Do bhí bean uasal" - "There Was a Noblewoman" - by Cathal Buí Mac Giolla Ghunna before 1745; middle verse by Dominic Bohan in 196X)

Intro:  
Fiddle +  
Guitar

**I wish I was -- in Carrickfergus  
Only for nights -- in Ballygrant  
I would swim over -- the deepest ocean  
Only for nights -- in Ballygrant  
But the sea is wide -- and I cannot swim over  
And neither have I -- the wings to fly**

+ Mando

**I wish I have -- a handsome boatman  
To ferry me over -- my love and I**

My childhood days -- bring back sad reflections  
Of happy time -- there spent so long ago  
My boyhood friends -- and my own relations  
Have all passed on -- now like melting snow  
**And I'll spend my days -- in this endless roving  
Soft is the grass -- and my bed is free**  
But to be back now -- in Carrickfergus  
On the long road down -- to the sea

+ Fiddle

**Now in Kilkenny -- it is reported  
On marble stones there -- as black as ink  
With gold and silver -- I would support her  
But I'll sing no more now -- till I get a drink**

+ Banjo  
& Bass

**'Cause I'm drunk today -- and I'm seldom sober  
A handsome rover -- from town to town  
Ah, but I am sick now, -- my days are numbered  
Come all me young men -- and lay me down**

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