

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**

d	-	G7	-	C	G/H	a	a/G	d	-	G7	-	F	-	C	-
d	-	G7	-	C	G/H	a	a/G	d	-	G7	-	F	-	C	-
C	-	-	-	G	-	-	-	a	-	-	-	G	-	-	-
d	-	G7	-	C	G/H	a	a/G	d	-	G7	-	F	-	C	-