

I'll Settle For Old Ireland

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They sing about the hills of Oklahoma
Or the big Swiss mountains where the yodelers call
They sing about the black hills of Dakota
But I'll settle for the hills of Donegal

With the homesick blues each Irish heart is hurtin'
In London California Adelaide
And while they're over searchin' for their fortune
With a little happiness they've got it made

Those songs about the fairest of the sexes
Or the belles of Tennessee I've heard before
They sing about the yellow rose of Texas
But I'll settle for the rose of Aranmore

They sing about the sun in California
Or the pretty songs of Nashville, Tennessee
They sing about the moon in Carolina
But I'll settle for the cottage by the lee

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Those glossy magazines with pretty pictures
Of continental gold and yellow sands
But the homeland and her charms they can't depict them
I'll settle for the shores of Ireland
Yes I'll settle for the shores of Ireland