

Brady of Strabane

The Irish Rovers

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Well, as I went in to a hiring faire in a place the called the Strand
Twas there I hired for seven long years with Brady of Strabane
And before I signed to work for him he was very nice to me
He promised me eggs and bacon and he then shook hands with me

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But I went up to me bed that night to let an awful bawl
For the fleas they made a fierce attack and I got no sleep at all
When I come down for me breakfast, well what do you think I see?
But a dozen squabbling children saying, "Is there anything there for me?"

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Each morning I arose from work at the dawning of the day
I tend to his cows and horses and feed them oats and hay
Then off to plough the pastures and plant the spuds and corn
Each night before I went to sleep I wish I ne'er been born

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I worked on Brady's farm 'till I looked an awful sight
Me bones were pushin' through me skin. I worked from mornin' 'till ni
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And when I died and passed away old Brady gave a grin
Said, "He'll make good fertilizer, and there's plenty more like him"

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