

Finnegan's Wake

The Irish Rovers

Tim Finnegan lived in Walken' Street
A gentleman Irishman mighty odd
He seen a brogue so soft and sweet
And to rise in the world he carried the hod

Tim had a sort of a tipplin' way
With a love of the liquor now he was born
To help him on with his work each day
Had a "drop of the cray-chur" every morn

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One mornin' Tim felt rather full
His head felt heavy which made him shake
Fell from a ladder and he burst his skull
So they carried him home his corpse to wake

Rolled him up in a nice clean sheet
Laid him out upon the bed
A gallon of whiskey at his feet
A barrel of porter at his head

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His friends assembled at the wake
And Mrs. Finnegan called for lunch
First they brung in tea and cake
Then pipes, tobacco and whiskey punch

Biddy O'Brien began to cry
"Such a nice clean corpse, did you ever see?
Tim mavournin, why did you die?"
Arragh, shut your gob said Paddy McGhee!

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Patty O'Connor took up the job
"Ah Biddy," says she, "You're wrong, I'm sure"
Biddy gave her a belt in the gob
Then left her sprawlin' on the floor

Then the war did soon enrage
Woman to woman and man to man
Shillelagh-law was all the rage
And a row and a ruction soon began

Mickey Maloney lowered his head
And a bottle of whiskey flew at him

Missed, and fallin' on the bed
The liquor scattered over Tim!

Tim revives! See how he rises!
Timothy risin' from the bed
Sayin', "Whirl your liquor around like blazes
Thunderin' Jaysus! Do you thunk I'm dead?"

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