

Donegal Danny  
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I[C] remember the night that[F] he walked[C] in  
From the[F] wintry cold and[C] damp  
A giant of a man in an[Am] oilskin coat  
And a bundle that[F] told he was a[G] tramp  
He[C] stood at the bar and he[F] called a[C] pint  
Then[F] turned and gazed at the[C] fire  
On a night like this to be[Am] safe and warm  
Is my[F] one and only de[G]sire

[Chorus]

So[C] here's to those that are[F] dead and[C] gone  
The friends that I loved[G] dear  
And[C] here's to you the I'll[F] bid you a[C] dieu  
Saying'[ Donegal[G] Danny's been[C] here me[Am] boys  
[F]Donegal[G] Danny's been[C] here.

[2]

Then in a voice that was hushed and low  
He said listen I'll tell you a tale  
How a man of the sea became a man of the road  
And never more will set sail  
I fished out of Howth and Killybegs  
Ardglass and Baltimore  
But the cruel sea has beaten me  
And I'll end me days on the shore

[3]

One faithful night in the wind and rain  
We sat sail from Killybegs town  
There were five of us from sweet Donegal  
And one from County Down  
We were fishermen who worked the sea  
And never counted the cost  
But we never thought when that night was gone  
That my fine friends would be lost

[4]

Then the storm it broke and broke our boat  
With the rocks about ten miles from shore  
As we fought the tide,we hoped inside  
To see our homes once more  
Then we struck a rock and hold the bow  
And all of us knew that she'd go down  
So we jumped right into the icy sea  
And prayed to God we wouldn't drown

[5]

But the raging sea was rising still  
As we struck out for the land  
And she fought with all her cruelty  
To claim that gallant men  
By Saint John's point in the early dawn  
I dragged myself on to the shore  
And I cursed the sea for what she'd done  
And vowed to sail her never more

[6]

Ever since that night I've been on the road  
Traveling and trying to forget  
That awful night I lost all my friends  
I see their faces yet  
And often at night when the sea is high  
And the rain is tearing at my skin  
I hear the cries of drowning men  
Floating over the sea

[Use chorus after every verse]