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In the town of Athy one Jeremy Lannigan, Battered away 'til he hadn't a pound
 His father he died and made him a man again, Left him a farm and ten acres of ground
 He gave a grand party to friends and relations Who didn't forget him when come to the wall
 And if you but listen I'll make your eyes glisten At rows and ructions at Lannigan's Ball

Myself to be sure, got free invitation For all the nice boys and girls that I ask
 In less than a minute the friends and relations Were dancing as merry as bees round a cask
 There were lashing of punch and wine for the ladies Potatoes and cake, bacon and tea
 There were the Nolan, Dolans, O'Grady's Courting the girls and dancing away

They were doing all kinds of nonsensical polkas All around in a whirligig
 Julia and I soon banished their nonsense Out on the floor for a reel and jig
 How the girls all got mad at me Danced till they thought the ceilings would fall
 I spent six months in Brooks Academy Learning to dance for Lannigan's Ball

Chorus:

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 Six long months I spent in Dublin learning to dance for Lannigan's Ball
 She stepped out, I stepped in again, I stepped out and she stepped in again
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The boys were merry the girls all hearty Dancin' around in couples and groups
 An accident happened; Terence McCarthy Put his right boot through Miss Finnerty's hoops
 The creature she fainted and cried, "Milia murder." Called for her brothers and gathered they all
 Carmody swore he'd go no further Till he got revenge at Lannigan's Ball

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Boys oh boys 'tis then there was ructions I got a kick from young Phelim McHugh
 I soon replied to his fine introduction Kicked him a terrible hullabaloo
 Casey the piper was near gettin' strangled The leapt on his pipes, bellows, chanter and all
 Boys and girls all got entangled And the put an end to Lannigan's Ball

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