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## Edmund of the Hill (Ned of the Hill)

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"Oh who is without  
That with passionate shout  
Keeps beating my bolted door?"  
"I am Ned of the Hill  
Forspent wet and chill  
From long trudging marsh and moor"  
"My love, fond and true  
What else could I do  
But shield you from wind and from weather?  
When the shots fall like hail  
They us both shall assail  
And mayhap we shall die together."

"Through forest and through snow  
Tired and hunted I go  
In fear both from friend and from neighbor  
My horses run wild  
My acres untilled  
And they all of them lost to my labor  
But it grieves me far more  
Than the loss of my store  
That there's none who would shield me from danger  
So my fate it must be  
To fare eastward o'er sea  
And languish amid the stranger"

"Ce-h-e sin amuh  
Go bhfuil faor ar a ghuth  
A' reaba mo dhoruis dunta?"  
"Mise Eamonn a' Chnuic  
Ta baidhte fuar fliuch  
O shior-shuil sleihbte is gleannta"  
"A lao ghil's a chuid  
Cad do dheannfainn-se dhuit  
Mara gcuirfinn ort beinn dom ghuna?  
'S go mbeidh pudar dubh  
Is go mbeimis araon muchta"  
"Is fada mise amuh  
Faoi shneachta is faoi shioc  
Is gan danacht agam ar einne  
Mo bhranar gan cur

Mo sheisreach gar sgur  
Is gan iad agam ar aon chor  
Nil caraid agam  
(Is danaid liom san)  
Do ghlacfadh me moch na deanach  
Is go gcaithfe me dul  
Thar fairrge soir  
O's ann na fuil mo ghaolta"

translation from the Gaelic by Donal O'Sullivan

Edmund Ryan of the Hill was an Irish earl displaced by Cromwell after the Battle of the Boyne who stayed in Ireland to fight the British. Here he sheltered with his old girlfriend. Later a neighbor killed him while giving him "shelter" for the reward money, only to find that the reward had just been withdrawn after Edmund had done an Englishman a service.

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Other version recorded by Jean Redpath

Sung in by Bridget Fitzgerald

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