

## Donegal Danny

I remember the night that he came in  
From the wintry cold and damp  
A giant of a man in an oilskin coat  
And the bundle that told he was a tramp  
He stood at the bar and he called a pint  
Then turned and gazed at the fire  
On a night like this to be safe and dry  
Is my one and only desire

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The friends that I loved dear  
And here's to you then I'll bid you adieu  
Saying Donegal Danny's been here me boys  
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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 roads  
And never more will set sail  
I've fished out of Howth and Killybegs  
Ardglass and Baltimore  
But the cruel sea has beaten me  
And I'll end my days on the shore

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One fateful night in the wind and the rain  
We set 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 I never thought ere that night was done  
That my fine friends would all be lost

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Then the storm it broke and drove the boat  
To 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 holed 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

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 band  
By St John's Point in the early dawn  
I dragged myself on the shore  
And I cursed the sea for what she'd done  
And vowed to sail her never more

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Ever since that night I've been on the road  
Travelling 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 on the wind

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