

# Bold Belfast Shoemaker

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The image shows a musical score for the song 'Bold Belfast Shoemaker'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a 6/8 time signature, a bass clef staff with a 6/8 time signature, and a guitar chord diagram below. The first system contains 8 measures of music. The second system contains 8 measures of music. The guitar chord diagrams use numbers 0-5 to represent frets on the strings.

Come all you tre born Irishmen wherever you may be  
I hope you'll pay attention and listen unto me  
I am a bold shoemaker, Sam Irwin is my name  
And to my great misfortune I enlisted in the train

I had a fair young sweetheart, Jane Wilkin was her name  
She said it grieved her heart full sore to see me in the train  
She told me if I would desert to come and let her know  
She would dress me up in her old clothes that I might go to and fro

We marched to Chapelizod like heroes stout and bold  
I'll be no more a slave to you my officer I told  
For to work upon a Sunday with me does not agree  
And the first chance that occurs to me, I'll take my liberty

Encamped near Tipperary we soon got in command  
For me and for me comrades bold one night on guard did stand  
The night it being both wet and dark and so we did agree  
That on that very night brave boys we'd take our liberty

The night that I deserted I had no place to go  
I went into meadow and lay down in the hay  
It was not long that I lay there till I awake again  
And looking all around me, boys, I spied six of the train

We had a bloody battle and soon I beat them all  
And loud the dastard cowards for mercy then did call  
Saying spare our lives brave Irwin and we will follow thee  
And by all that's fair we will declare for you and liberty

As for George Clarke of Carrick I own he's very mean  
For the sake of thirty shillings he had me took again  
They threw me in the guard house, me fate for to deplore  
With four on every window, boys, and six on every door

On being in close confinement, I soon looked all around  
I climbed out of a window and knocked four of them down  
The light horse and the train me boosy soon did follow me  
But I kept me road before them and preserved my liberty

I next joined Father Murphy as you will plainly hear  
And many's the battle did we fight with his brave Shelmaliers  
With four hundred of his croppy boys we battered Lord Mountjoy  
And at the battle of New Ross we made ten thousand fly

I am a bold shoemaker, Sam Irwin is my name  
I could beat as many Orangemen as 'listed in the train  
I could beat as many Orangemen as would stand in a row  
I'd make them fly before me like an arrow from a bow.