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## The Sea Around Us

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They say that the lakes of Killarney are fair That no stream like the Liffey can ever compare, If it's water you want, you'll find nothing more rare Than the stuff they make down by the ocean.

cho: The sea, oh the sea is the gradh geal mo croide\*
Long may it stay between England and me
It's a sure guarantee that some hour we'll be free
Oh, thank God we're surrounded by water.

Tom Moore made his "Waters" meet fame and reknown A great lover of anything dressed in a crown In brandy the bandy old Saxon he'd drown But throw ne'er a one in the ocean.

The Scots have their Whisky, the Welch have their speech And their poets are paid about tenpence a week Provided no hard words on England they speak Oh Lord, what a price for devotion.

The Danes came to Ireland with nothing to do But dream of the plundered old Irish they slew, "Yeh will in yer vikings" said Brian Boru And threw them back into the ocean.

Two foreign old monarchs in battle did join
Each wanting his head on the back of a coin;
If the Irish had sense they'd drowned both in the Boyne
And partition thrown into the ocean.

\*gradh geal mo croide = great joy of my heart From Folk Songs and Ballads Popular in Ireland, Ossian Publications copyright KPM music