

# Shamrock, Rose And Thistle - song lyrics

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SHAMROCK, ROSE AND THISTLE.

Sung by Geo. W. Allen.

I wish to advocate for a people good and great,  
Their likes I'm sure is very seldom known ;  
Old Ireland will defend, and prove she is your friend,  
No matter what her enemies have shown.  
The heroes she can claim, who fought for England's fame.  
By far outshine all others we have seen,  
And if justice you declare, the emblem we will wear,  
Will always be and always should have been:

Chorus.

A wreath of England's roses, coiled round old Ireland harp,  
The thorn, the Scottish thistle, protecting them front foes;  
And the little shamrock green, will lovingly be seen,  
Entwining with the thistle and the rose.

In ages long gone by 'twas Ireland's boast to try,  
To render aid where you in danger stood ;  
'Tis acknowledged by each one, no matter what she's done,  
Her services have always done you good.  
Then let Englishmen awake, and for peace and honest sake,  
Determine to give Irishmen their dues,  
And the Irishmen on their part will strive with hand and heart,  
To bring this pretty picture to your view:-Chorus.

The sons of Erin's shore are loyal to the core,  
And men of peace and courage are composed;  
Let the rulers of our land give what justice will demand,  
And show they are impartially disposed;  
For the time's approaching fast the memories of the past  
From the mind of men of sense erased shall be;  
And when all quarrels ceased and our hearts are ruled by peace,  
The emblems thus united we shall see -Chorus.