

# The Bonny Irish Boy - song lyrics

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THE BONNY IRISH BOY.

His name I love to mention, in Ireland he was born;  
I loved him very dearly, but alas, from me he's gone;  
He's gone to America, he promised to send for me,  
But the face of my bonny Irish boy I can no longer see.

Chorus.  
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It was in Londonderry, that city of note and fame.  
Where first my bonny Irish boy a courting to me came;  
He told me pleasant stories and said his bride I'd be,  
But the face of my bonny Irish boy I can no longer see.-Chorus.

I engaged my passage for New York, and on arriving there,  
To seek and find my Irish boy I quickly did prepare.  
I searched New York and Providence, and Boston, all in vain.  
But the face of my bonny Irish boy was nowhere to be seen.-Chorus.

I went to Philadelphia, and from there to Baltimore,  
I searched the State of Maryland, I searched it o'er and o'er,  
I prayed that I might find him, wherever he may be.  
But the face of my bonny Irish boy I could no longer see.-Chorus.

One night as I lay in bed, I dreamt I was his bride,  
And sitting on the Blue Bell Hill, and he sat by my side,  
A gathering of primroses, like the happy days of yore,  
I awoke quite broken-hearted in the city of Baltimore.-Chorus.

Early then next morning, a knock came to my door,  
I heard his voice, I knew it was the lad I did adore,  
I hurried up to let him in, I never felt such joy.  
As when I fell into the arms of my darling Irish boy.-Chorus.

Now we have got married, and he never shall go to sea,  
He knows I love him dearly, and I'm sure that he loves me;  
My first sweet son is called for him, my heart's delight and joy.  
He's the picture of his father, he's a darling Irish boy.-Chorus.

Farewell to Londonderry, I ne'er shall see you more,  
Ah, many a pleasant night we spent around the sweet Lone Moor;  
Our pockets were light, our hearts were good, we longed for to be free,  
And talked about a happy home and the land of liberty.-Chorus.