Irish Through And Through - song lyrics

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An Irishman once trudged along the highway to the town, And as he walked he piped a song, to keep his troubles down; He had no land to call his own, no roof above his head, And not a copper in his purse to buy him daily bread; But deep down ill his heart was hope, just like a beacon-light; That dims misfortune from our thoughts, And makes the world seem bright; It guided him on to the town, to work, to strive, to toil; To fight life's battles o'er again, a true son of the soil.

Chorus.

Irish, Irish, Irish through and through; it's proud I am to take the hand Of every true son from the land where shamrocks grow so green and grand, I'm Irish through and through.

You'll never find a friend more true than in this Em'rald Isle, Or any one who'll try to do some kindness all the while; The very skies seem brighter here, and song-birds sweeter sing; No matter at what time of year, you'd think 'twas always spring; And then the blarney of the boys, the sighing of each girl; And oh! the rapture and the joys this courting doth unfurl; So when at last they settle down and own their own snug farm, Their rustic love is all complete And filled with simple charm.-Chorus.