My Son Charley - song lyrics

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The chap I'm going to sing about, I'm very proud to tell, Is a member of my family, you ought to know him well; He keeps the corner store above, where he sells his beer and wine, And he holds a public sinecure, for he's a son of mine!

Chorus.

My son Charley! Oh, he's the lad! I hear them say he's awful bad! Such a boy I never had as my son Charley!

My Charley is a citizen, and he votes for Tammany Hall; They will put him up for Alderman if he lives until next fall; He has the ward all to himself, and it's him that cuts a shine; He commands a great influence there, for he's a son of mine!-Chorus.

He wears a handsome black mustache, and puffs his long, brown hair. And in his breast immaculate, the richest emeralds glare; In a quiet neighborhood, up town, he has a girl so fine; And site's going to marry next Sunday week, this darlin' son of mine.-Cho.