

# Mcmanns, Kehoe And The Egg - song lyrics

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McManns, Kehoe and the Egg.  
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Now a story I will tell of two men that I know well.  
And their names they were McManus and Kehoe;  
They'd been neighbor) twenty years, but they never, it appears.  
Had single angry word, much less a blow.  
But of late they had a right, and they both claim that they're right,  
Sure the trouble caused the neighbors much surprise:  
For McManns swears he'll win, and Kehoe will not give in,  
And betwixt the two they've murder in their eyes.

Chorus.  
For McManus turned to drink and Kehoe can't sleep a wink,  
Sure they're challenging each other and they're using blood for ink;  
And before the fuss is over I have reason for to think  
That they both will have their pictures out In Puck.

I will try to tell you now the cause of all the row  
That came between McManus and Kehoe;  
Mac owned some fancy fowl, that's what started all the growl,  
Just you listen and you'll hear a tale of woe.  
Sure, McManus made a claim that one of his fancy game  
Had laid an egg in Mister Kehoe's yard:  
So Kehoe went to the nest and he scooped it with the rest,  
Now to give it up he thinks is mighty hard.

Chorus.  
"Didn't my hen lay the egg?" McManus he did shout.  
"Well, that's all right," said Kehoe, didn't my hen hatch it out?"  
Now which hen can be the mother now, is all a case of doubt,  
For they both were implicated in the job.

Now, from the last report, the case has gone to court.  
And It's causing much excitement 'round the place,  
For McManus and Kehoe are both anxious for to know  
Which one of them is going to win the case.  
When McManus kissed the book, he swore Kehoe was a "crook,"  
While Kehoe swore McManus told a lie.  
Said the judge. "Now that will do. I have heard enough from you;"  
At the jury then he turned And winked his eye.

Chorus.  
Said the judge, to both, said he: "Sure it's plain enough to see-  
Suppose I take an egg and the bird's hatched out by me.  
Do you think I'd be the mother? Well, I don't think so," said ho;  
So McManus and his chicken won the day.