

Cheer Up, Mother - song lyrics

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I boarded a ship across the way, to America here to roam,
And left my home in Ireland, and mother, dear, to mourn;
She placed her arms around me, and said my lad. good-bye,
I noticed the sorrow that was in her heart, and tears flowing from her eyes.
She clung to my hand and wept like a child, with parting words she said,
Don't forget to write me a letter, lad, so I'll know if you're living or dead.

Chorus.

Cheer up, mother, and do not weep, for I'll return to you some day
When you're least expecting me, I'll sail from across the way;
And in old Ireland there will be a home for me to rest,
And cling to my dear mother, the one that I love best.

Some day I'll go home to mother, in old Ireland across the sea,
Where life will be a pleasure, and she will welcome me;
Her thoughts are always with me, wherever I may go,
She said do not forget your mother, lad, for you're only one I adore;
She told me to send her my picture, for that would give her joy;
To gaze at my face would please her, for I was her only boy.- Chorus.

You Ain't So Warm As You Look.

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While a-walkin' down the avenue with my lady friend.
On a bright sunny day in June,
I met a gallus colored individual,
Who gazed at me like a coon.
I looked back at 'im kinder sassy like,
Then to me he did say:
Where yer all a-goin', can I see you home?
I said, my dear boy, nay, nay, nay.

Chorus.

You ain't so warm as you look,
I've got other coons on my book.
I don't know if you're a gamblin' man, a tout, or a crook,
You ain't so warm as you look.

Now I don't like a fussy nigger no how.
Who tries for to put on style
Just because you got a pair of checkered trousers
And a last year's hold-over tile.
You lemon, leather-colored coons,
You cuts no Ice at all.
I declare I can't see you with a spy-glass;
Go 'way, man, or you'll hear somethin' fall.- chorus.