

I'll Not Go Out With Riley Any More - song lyrics

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My old friend Johnnie Riley says, "Come, Mac, along with me;
I mean to draw me pension and we'll have a real old spree;
We'll both go down to Murphy's, then we'll stop in on Magee,
And have a drink or two at Missis Grady's."
Says I, "Now. John, come home; leave the drink and stuff alone.
And you'll feel the better man to-morrow morn."
"Devil afoot," he says, "I will, sure I mean to have me fill,"
So, like a fool, I had to go along.

Chorus.
But I'll not go out with Riley any more;
Every bone within me body since is sore;
Sure he got me in a fight, and leave them lock me up all night.
No! I'll not go out with Riley any more.

Next morning Riley said to me, "Indeed. I'm sorry. Mack."
Says I. "I want no sympathy or anything like that;
Now if you had stood by me when you got me in a scrap,
I wouldn't been the sight I am this morning."
Says he, "Tut, tut, don't fret, sure I've plenty money yet;
Now cheer up, and we'll go out and take a drop" -
So, like a fool again, sure I did the very same.
And went with Riley, when I swore I'd not.

Chorus.
But I'll not go out with Riley any more;
Just for fun, he poked a policeman in the jaw;
Then he ran away, did he, and let the copper collar me.
So I'll not go out with Riley any more.

Now Riley, here a week ago. went out one night alone.
Although he called around for me, I'm glad I wasn't home;
Me wife, she says, "It's likely that you'll find him at McGlone's."
Says he, "I'll stop there, Missis McAnally."
He'd gone a block or more, when a dangling wire he saw.
And so gently in the breezes did it sway.
And he thought the wire was dead, but 'twas full of life Instead,
That happened just a week ago to-day.

Chorus.
But I'll not go out with Riley any more;
It was yesterday the last of him I saw;
As the funeral wound away, sure then I to meself did say.
Now I can't go out with Riley any more.