

Mrs. McGrath

Bruce Springsteen

1. "Oh Mrs. McGrath," the sergeant said,
"Would you like a soldier of your son, Ted?
With a scarlet cloak and a fine cocked hat,
Mrs. McGrath wouldn't you like that?"

R: With your too-ri-aa, fol-did-dle-di-aa,
Too-ri-oo-ri-oo-ri-aa, too-ri-aa, fol
Did-dle-di-aa, too-ri-oo-ri-oo-ri-aa
2. Mrs. McGrath lived on the shore
And after seven years or more
she spied a ship come into the bay
with her son from far away
3. "Oh, Captain dear, where have you been.
Have you been out sailin' on the Mediteren'.
Have you any news of my son Ted.
Is he livin' or is he dead?"

R: With your too-ri-aa...
4. Now came Ted without any legs
And in their place two wooden pegs
She kissed him a dozen times or two
Saying "My God Ted is it you?"
5. "Now were you drunk or were you blind
When you left your two fine legs behind?
Or was it walking upon the sea
That wore your two fine legs away?"

R: With your too-ri-aa...
6. "No I wasn't drunk and I wasn't blind
When I left my two fine legs behind.
a cannon ball on the fifth of May
Tore my two fine legs away."
7. "Now Teddy boy," the widow cried
"Your two fine legs was your mother's pride
Them stumps of a tree won't do at all
Why didn't you run from the cannon ball?"

R: With your too-ri-aa...
8. All foreign wars, I do proclaim
Live on blood and a mother's pain
I'd rather have my son as he used to be
than the king of America and his whole navy

R: With your too-ri-aa...