Forty Shades of Green

Johnny Cash

Green, green, forty shades of green

I close my eyes and picture The emerald of the sea From the fishing boats at Dingle To the shores of Donaghadee

I miss the river Shannon And the folks at Skibbereen The moorlands and the meddle With their forty shades of green

But most of all I miss a girl In Tipperary town And most of all I miss her lips As soft as eiderdown

Again I want to see and do The things we've done and seen Where the breeze is sweet as Shalimar And there's forty shades of green

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I wish that I could spend an hour At Dublin's churching surf I'd love to watch the farmers Drain the bogs and spade the turf

To see again the thatching Of the straw the women glean I'd walk from Cork to Larne to see The forty shades of green

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