Spancil Hill

The Dubliners

Last night as I lay dreaming of pleasant days gone by My mind being bent on rambling to Ireland I did fly I stepped on board a vision and I followed with a will Till next I came to anchor at the cross of Spancil Hill

It being on the 23rd of June, the day before the fair When lreland's sons and daughters, and friends assembled there The young, the old, the brave and the bold, came their duty to fulfill

At the parish church in Clooney, a mile from Spancil Hill

I went to see me neighbors, to see what they might say The old ones were all dead and gone, the young one's turning gr ey But I met the tailor Quigley, he's as bould as ever still Ah he used to make my breetches when I lived in Spancil Hill

I paid a flying visit to my first and only love She's as white as any lily and as gentle as a dove And she threw her arms around me, saying "Johnny, I love you st ill" Oh she's Nell the farmers daughter, and the pride of Spancil Hi ll

I dreamt I held and kissed her, as in the days of yore Ah, "Johnny you're only joking as many's the time before" Then the cock he crew in the morning, he crew both loud and shr ill

I awoke in California, many miles from Spancil Hill.