

# The Louse House of Kilkenny

## The Dubliners

Oh, the first of me downfall I set out the door  
I straight made me way on for Carrick-on-Suir  
Going out by Rathronan 'twas late in the night  
Going out the West Gate for to view the gaslight  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo

I went to the town's hall to see the big lamp  
And who should I meet but a bloody big tramp  
I finally stepped over and to him I said:  
"Will you kindly direct me to where I'll get a bed?"  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo

'Twas then he directed me down to Cooks Lane  
To where old Buck St John kept an old sleeping cage  
From out of the door was a small piece of board  
Hung out on two nails with a short piece of cord  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo

I looked up and down till I found out the door  
And a queerer old household sure I ne'er saw before  
Then the Misses came out and these words to me said:  
"If you give me three coppers, sure I'll give you a bed"  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo

Well I then stood aside with me back to the wall  
And the next thing I saw was an oul cobbler's stall  
And there was the cobbler and he mending his brogues  
With his hammers and pinchers all laid in a row  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo

Then she brought me upstairs and she put out the light  
And in less than five minutes I had to show fight  
And in less than five more when the story was best  
The fleas came around me and brought me a curse  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo

'Twas all around me body they formed a march  
'Twas all around me body they played the Death march  
For the bloody oul major gave me such a pick  
That he nearly made away with half of me hip  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo

Now I'm going to me study, these lines to pen down  
And if any poor traveller should e'er come to town  
And if any poor traveller should be nighted like me  
Beware of Buck St John and his black cavalry  
Radley fal the diddle ay  
Radley fal the diddle airo