

# The Pool Song

The Dubliners

May the Lord upon high who rules the sky  
Look down on our pubs and bars  
And the women and men all seated within  
Neglecting their pints and their jars  
The crack it is bad, the atmosphere sad  
Every man has a face like a mule  
For all he can do is to grab an old cue  
And start playing that game of pool

Well, when I was a boy it was always me joy  
To go to the pub each night  
There were arguments scraps and killings perhaps  
And everyone thought he was right  
There were badgers and dogs  
And men from the bogs  
And young fellows acting the tool  
But now there's no crack  
For everyman Jack  
Has his arse in the air playing pool

To the local ale house after milking the cows  
Every customer made his way  
And there he would dwell and drink till he fell  
While the fiddles and pipes they did play  
The jigs and the reels, the rattling of heels  
Polkas and slides were the rule  
But now there's no chance of a tune or a dance  
For everyone's playing the ould pool

Well, this pool you will find is a game designed  
For foolish illiterate louts  
You push in four bob and you pull an old knob  
And a big shower of balls they come out  
They're placed on a table and then if you're able  
To knock them all into a hole  
More money goes in, you start over again  
And you lose every bob of your dole

Now in the Irish Free State  
All the people are bate  
From watching and playing this game  
In their necks they have cricks  
That no doctor could fix  
And their backs and their shoulders are maimed  
Their arses protrude in a manner most lewd  
From being hoisted aloft in the air  
And their eyeballs are sore  
And dripping in gore  
And they act in a manner most quare

So if you meet a young man  
Who's face it is wan  
And his eyes have a vacant stare  
His jawbone is slack  
And his head is thrown back  
And he can't tell a cob from a mare  
His nostrils dilated, his brow corrugated

His manners like those of a fool  
On your shirt you can bet  
That you have just met  
A man that's gone plain mad from pool