

BLARNEY ROSES

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'T WAS OVER IN OLD IRELAND NEAR THE TOWN OF CUSHENDALL
ONE MORN I MET A DAMSEL THERE, THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL
'T WAS WITH MY YOUNG AFFECTIONS AND MY MONEY SHE DID GO
AND SHE TOLD ME SHE BELONGED TO WHERE THE BLARNEY ROSES GROW

(CHORUS)

CAN ANYBODY TELL ME WHERE THE BLARNEY ROSES GROW?
IT MIGHT BE DOWN NEAR LIM'RICK TOWN, OR OVER IN MAYO
IT'S SOMEWHERE IN THE EM'RALD ISLE, AND THIS I WANT TO KNOW:
CAN ANYBODY TELL ME WHERE THE BLARNEY ROSES GROW?

HER CHEEKS WERE LIKE THE ROSES AND HER HAIR A RAVEN HUE
BEFORE THAT SHE GOT DONE WITH ME, SHE HAD ME RAVIN' TOO
SHE LEFT ME SORELY STRANDED - NOT A COIN SHE LEFT, YOU KNOW
AND SHE TOLD ME SHE BELONGED TO WHERE THE BLARNEY ROSES GROW

(CHORUS)

THEY'VE ROSES IN KILLARNEY AND THE SAME IN COUNTY CLARE
BUT 'PON MY WORD THOSE ROSES, BOYS, I CAN'T FIND ANYWHERE
SHE BLARNEY'D ME, AND BY THE POW'RS, SHE LEFT ME BROKE, YOU KNOW
DID THIS DAMSEL THAT BELONGED TO WHERE THE BLARNEY ROSES GROW

(CHORUS)

"ACUSHLA GRA MO CHREE", ME BOYS, SHE MURMURED SOFT DID SHE
"IF YOU BELONG TO IRELAND, 'TIS YOURSELF BELONGS TO ME..."
HER DONEGAL COME-ALL-YE BROGUE, IT WON MY HEART, YOU KNOW
BAD LUCK TO HER AND THAT SAME PLACE WHERE THE BLARNEY ROSES GROW!

- A. MELVILLE