

THE CHINAMAN

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MY UNCLE DENIS CLANCY WAS A RAMBLER TO THE BONE
HE BEEN IN EVERY NATION FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTHERN ZONE
AMONG THE CHINESE TEA GROWERS HE LIVED AND GREW QUITE RICH
AND NOW HE'S DIED AND TO THIS BOY HE HAS WILLED EVERY STITCH.

(CHORUS)

SO FAREWELL MISTER MURPHY, TA-TA MISTER CLINCH
CON REGAN, GIVE MY KIND REGARDS TO JIM AND ANDY LYNCH
GOOD-BYE, MISTER MOONEY - PLEASE TELL THE NEIGHBORS ROUND
I'VE GONE TO BE A CHINAMAN - FOR HONG KONG I'M BOUND!

BY WHAT THE LAWYER TELLS ME, ME GOLD WOULD FILL A COACH
I'VE EIGHTEEN WIVES ALREADY, AWAITIN' ME APPROACH
WHAT THEY ARE LIKE I CANNOT TELL, BUT ONE THING I WILL OWN
IF HE'D WILLED THEM ALL TO SOMEONE ELSE, MORE FRIENDSHIP HE'D
HAVE SHOWN!

I'M GOING TO HAVE MY EYEBROWS SHAVED ONE HOUR BEFORE I SAIL
AND I'LL WEAR ME HAIR IN ONE LONG PLAIT, LIKE ROONEY'S DONKEY'S
TAIL

I THINK I'LL MAKE A NICE CHINESE WHEN I HAVE LEARNED THEIR WAY
AND A FEW WORDS OF THEIR LANGUAGE WHEN I HAVE SOME THINGS TO
SAY

AND SHOULD YOU CARE TO DROP A LINE, OLD FRIENDSHIPS TO MAINTAIN
ADDRESS TO "LING CHUNG CHANG AWONG" - THAT'S ME CHINESE MAIDEN
NAME

I'LL FOUND AN IRISH COLONY IN THIS OUTLANDISH PART
SO BEANNACHT LIBH, GOOD-BYE TO ALL - IT'S TIME FOR ME TO START!