

## WEARIN' OF THE GREEN

Text attributed to DION BOUCICAULT

Origin of Air, uncertain

*Allegretto*

1. O Pad - dy dear, and did you hear the news that's go - ing round, The Sham-rock is for -  
 2. Then since the col - or we must wear, is Eng-land's cru - el red; Sure Ire-land's sons will  
 3. But if at last our col - or should be torn from Ire-land's heart, Her sons, with shame and

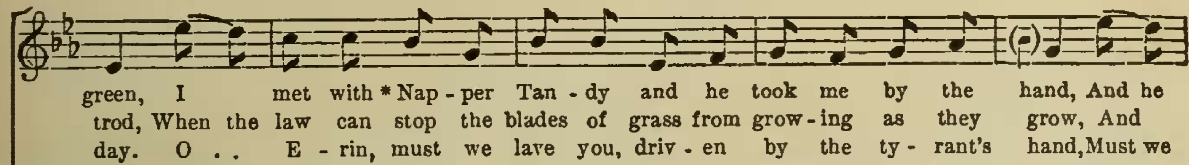
bid by law, to grow on I - rish ground; And Saint Pat-rick's day no more we'll keep, His  
 ne'er for - get the blood that they have shed; You may take the sham-rock from your hat, and  
 sor - row from the dear ould soil will part; I've heard whis-per of a coun - try, that lies

col - or can't be seen, For there's a blood - y law a - gainst the wear - ing of the  
 cast it on the sod, But 'twill take root and flour - ish still, tho' un - der foot 'tis  
 far be - yant the say, Where rich and poor stand e - qual in the light of free - dom's

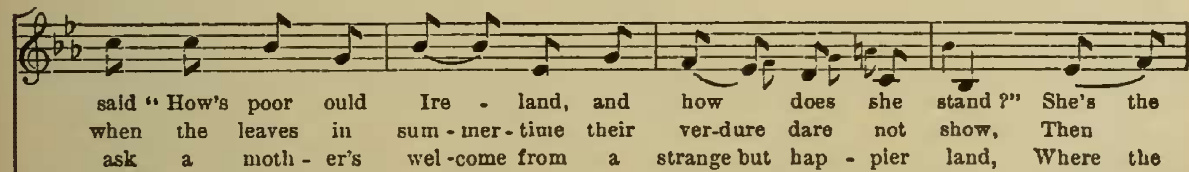
This song was sung throughout Ireland subsequently to 1796, and there are several versions of text and melody. The melody is generally believed to be an adaptation of a March, "The Tulip," composed by James Oswald in 1757.

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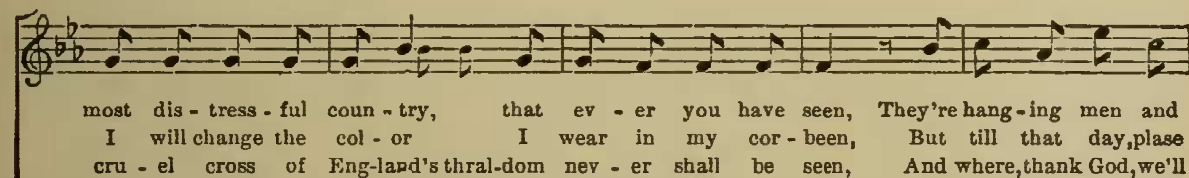
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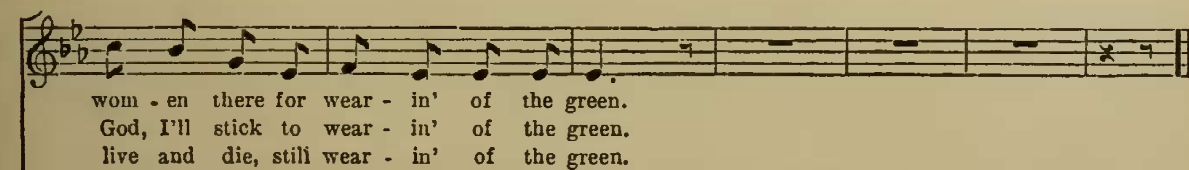
green, I met with \*Nap - per Tan - dy and he took me by the hand, And he trod, When the law can stop the blades of grass from grow - ing as they grow, And day. O . . . E - rin, must we lave you, driv - en by the ty - rant's hand, Must we

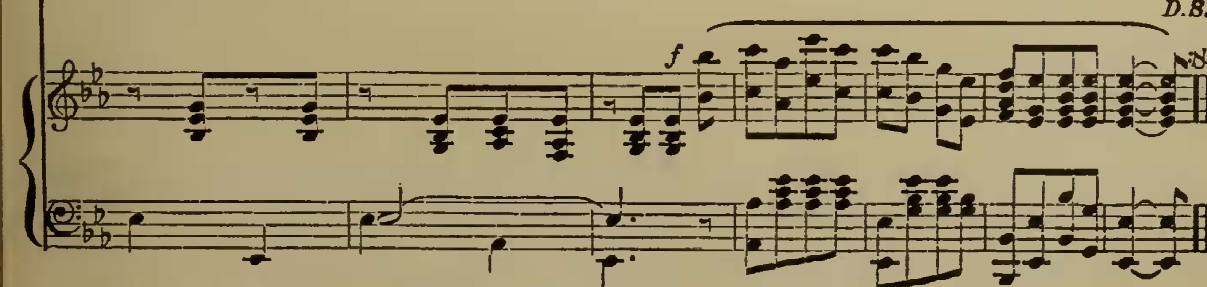
said "How's poor ould Ire - land, and how does she stand?" She's the when the leaves in sum - mer - time their ver - dure dare not show, Then ask a moth - er's wel - come from a strange but hap - pier land, Where the

most dis - tress - ful coun - try, that ev - er you have seen, They're hang - ing men and I will change the col - or I wear in my cor - been, But till that day, please cru - el cross of Eng - land's thral - dom nev - er shall be seen, And where, thank God, we'll

wom - en there for wear - in' of the green.  
God, I'll stick to wear - in' of the green.  
live and die, still wear - in' of the green.



\* Some versions give *Buonaparte* in place of *Napper Tandy*.

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