

Dubliners, Anna Liffey

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'Twas down by Anna Liffey
My love and I did stray
Where in the good old slushy mud
The seagulls sport and play
We've got the whiff of ray and chips
And Mary softly sighed
Oh John won't you come,
For a wan and wan
Down by the Liffey side

Well up along by George's Street
The loving pair did view
And Mary swanked it like a queen
In a skirt of navy blue
Her hat was newly turned
And her blouse was newly dyed
So you couldn't bate her amber locks
Down by the Liffey side

And on her old melodeon
How sweetly could she play
She played goodbye and do not sigh
And down by Texas Way

And when she turned Sinn Feiner
I nearly burst with pride
For to hear her sing the 'Soldier's song'
Down by the Liffey side

On Sunday morning to Meath Street
Together we will go
And up to Father Murphy there
We both will make our vow
He'll join our hands in wedlock bands
And soon we'll be outside
For a whole afternoon on our honeymoon
Down by the Liffey side

And we'll have little children
And rear them neat and clean
To shout up the Republic
And to sing about Sinn Fein
They'll do what their old fellow did
Who England's power divide
We'll send them off to fight The Saxon Hun
Down by the Liffey side