

Gaelic Storm, Johnny Jump-Up/Morrison Jig

I'll tell you a story that happened to me
One day as I went down to Youghal by the Sea
The sun it was bright and the day it was warm
Says I, "A quiet pint wouldn't do me no harm";

I went to the barman, I says, "Give me a stout";
Says the barman, "I'm sorry all the beer tis sold out
Try whiskey or vodka, ten years in the wood";
Says I, "I'll try cider, I heard that it's good";

Oh never, oh never, oh never again
If I live to a hundred or a hundred and ten
I fell to the ground and I couldn't get up
After drinking a pint of the Johnny Jump Up

After lowering the third I headed straight for the yard
Where I bumped into Brophy the big civic guard
"Come here to me boy don't you know we're in the law";
Well I upped with my fist and I shot to his jaw

Fell to the ground with his knees crumpled up
T'wasnt I hit him t'was the johnny jump
And the next thing I met down in Youghal by the Sea
Was a cripple on crutches, and says he to me

"I'm afraid o' me life I'll be hit by a car
Would you help me across to the Railwayman's Bar";
And after three pints of that cider so sweet
He threw down his crutches and he danced on his feet

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Now I went up the Lee Road a friend for to see
They call it the Madhouse in Cork by the Lee
But when I got up there, the truth I do to tell
They had the poor bugger locked up in his cell

Says the guard testing him, "Say these words if you can
'Around the rugged rocks the ragged rascal ran'";
"Tell them I'm not crazy, tell them I'm not mad
T'was only six pints of that cider I had";

Now a man died in the Union by the name of McNabb
They washed him and laid him outside on a slab
And after the coroner his measurements did take
His wife took him home to a bloody fine wake

'Twas about twelve o'clock and the beer it was high
The corpse he sat up and he says with a sigh
I can't get to heaven, they won't let me up
'Til I bring them a pint of the Johnny Jump Up

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'Cause I fell to the ground and I couldn't get up
After drinking a pint of the Johnny Jump Up
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