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Tuning: Standard

Capo II (Relative to capo)

**D** **G**  
My name is John O Reilly and my father worked the fields  
**D** **A**  
In the hills of old Kilarny where I helped him turn the wheels  
**D** **G**  
My arms grew hard as iron for a boy of 17  
**D** **A** **D**  
And I used my fists for gambling on those wet Kilarny streets  
  
**D** **G**  
Well the ship left for America and I took my pack aboard  
**D** **A**  
Said goodbye to my dear Ireland said a prayer to my dear lord  
**D** **G**  
But I fought those sorry guineas in the kitchen they called hell  
**D** **A** **D**  
Well I fought them for their dollar and those guineas paid me well

Chorus:

**D**  
Fair the well fair Dover  
**G**  
Fair the well your seasons turn  
**D** **Bm** **A** **D**  
For my pockets will be jingling on the day of my return the day of my return  
  
**D** **G**  
Well I fought in New York City and I fought the Jersey shore  
**D** **A**  
My gut stayed full of whiskey and my bed stayed full of whores  
**D** **G**  
Well they called my right a cannonball and my left they called the same  
**D** **A** **D**  
And I left them all lyin half in blood and half in shame  
  
**D** **G**  
Well I met a man on 32 and he stuck out his hand  
**D** **A**

And he offered me a thousand if I d fall before his man

**D** **G**  
Well I said it could be done but only for another two

**D** **A** **D**  
And he smiled at me and nodded as I stuck it in my shoe

Chorus:

**D**  
Fair the well fair dover

**G**  
Fair the well your seasons turn

**D** **Bm** **A** **D**  
For my pockets will be jingling on the day of my return the day of my return

**D** **G**  
Well they rang the bell two times before I let him have my nose

**D** **A**  
And I let him work my left until my eye was swollen closed

**D** **G**  
Then I let loose a right that they still talk about today

**D** **A** **D**  
For that guinea didn t know that I had bet the other way

**D** **G**  
They covered every dock and every port there on the coast

**D** **A**  
Looking for the double crosser who had turned into a ghost

**D** **G**  
But I was on a train my friend that rode the other way

**D** **A** **D**  
And I ll sail from California back to Dublin one fine day

Chorus: x2

**D**  
Fair the well fair Dover

**G**  
Fair the well your seasons turn

**D** **Bm** **A** **D**  
For my pockets will be jingling on the day of my return the day of my return