

The Irish Washerwoman
Misc Traditional

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The Irish Washerwoman chords (for the acoustic guitar)

Traditional Irish Jig (words by George Colman the Elder The Surrender of Calais
1791)

Am D G

G

When I was at home, I was merry and frisky.

Am

D

My dad kept a pig, but my mother sold whiskey.

G

My uncle was rich, but ne er could be easy,

Am

D

G

till I was enlisted by Corporal Casey.

G

Och, rub-a-dub, row-de-dow, Corporal Casey,

Am

D

my dear little Shelah I thought would run crazy

G

When I trudged away with tough Corporal Casey,

Am

D

G

Och, rub-a-dub row-de-row, Shelah my love.

G

I marched from Kilkenny, but as I was thinking,

D

on Shelah, my heart in my bosom was sinking.

C

G

Am

G

But soon I was forced to look fresh as a daisy,

Am

D

G

for fear of a drubbin from Corporal Casey.

G

Och, rub-a-dub, row-de-dow, Corporal Casey,

D

the devil go with him, I ne er could be lazy

C

G

Am

G

He struck my shirts so, old Corporal Casey,

Am

D

G

och, rub-a-dub row-de-row, Shelah my dear.

G

We went into battle, I took the blows fairly,
Am **D**
that fell on my pate, but they bothered me rarely.

G

And who should the first be that dropped? Why, and please you,
Am **D** **G**
it was my good friend, honest Corporal Casey.

G

Och, rub-a-dub, row-de-dow, Corporal Casey,
Am **D**
thinks I, You are quiet and I shall be easy.

G

So eight years I fought without Corporal Casey,
Am **D** **G**
Och, rub-a-dub row-de-row, Shelah my gal.

G

I marched from Kilkenny, but as I was thinking,
D
on Shelah, my heart in my bosom was sinking.

C

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Am

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But soon I was forced to look fresh as a daisy,
Am **D** **G**
for fear of a drubbin from Corporal Casey.

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Och, rub-a-dub, row-de-dow, Corporal Casey,
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the devil go with him, I ne er could be lazy

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