

JOHNNY REILLY

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One day as we went out for a walk, meself and me chum Johnny Reilly.
The air it being a kind of damp, and the weather rather dryly.
'Who's with you, Jack?' the people would shout,
Says I, 'It's my chum Johnny Reilly.'

One day I picked up a watch and chain going out to me chum, Johnny Reilly.
Reilly always looked for his share; he was not a bit too shyly.
But soon he saw by the glimmer of the glass, the watch was gold and the chain was brass,
And the chain went on to Reilly.

Reilly and I were chums and we always shared,
Black eyes and sugar plums, but never a hair we cared.
When there was anything nice about you could take my word,
For when I was done, I handed it on to Reilly.

Last Saturday night I married a wife and the best man there was Reilly.
I thought she'd be the joy of my life, she looked so awful shyly.
But soon I found it was no fun; one day she chased me with a gun;
Says I, 'Now madam, with you I'm done,' and I handed her on to Reilly.

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