

The Banks of the Bann

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1. When first to this country a stranger I came,
I placed my affection with a girl that was young.
She being fair and tender, her waist small and slender.
'Twas nature had formed her for my overthrow.

2. On the banks of the Bann, it was there I first met her.
She appeared like an angel or Egypt's fair queen.
Her eyes were like diamonds or stars brightly shining.
She's one of the fairest in the world that I've seen.

3. It was her cruel parents that first caused a variance,
Because she is rich and above my degree.
But I will endeavor to gain my love's favor
Although she is come of a high family.

4. Oh, me name it is Delaney, it's a name that won't shame me,
And if I'd saved money I'd never have roamed.
But drinking and sporting, night rambling and courting
Are the cause of all me ruin and me absence from home.

5. But had I the wealth that is in the Indies,
I'd put rings on her fingers and gold in her hair.
And there on the banks of the lovely Bann River,
In all kinds of splendor, I'd live with my dear.