

The Irish Pub Song

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There was nothing doin' in Dublin Town
So I thought I'd take a ramble 'round
Australia on a working holiday.
So I got the visa and I said goodbye
I hugged me Ma and she started to cry
And I said, 'don't worry Ma everything'll be OK'.

'For I hear Australia's full of Irish bars
And as long as I've got me old guitar
I'll ramble in for the *music* and the *crack*.
I could sing like Finbar or Christy Moore
And sure I might even get a tour,
With Daniell O'Donnell and the lovely Mary Black.'

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The Shamrock and Dubliner are fascinatin'.
There's the Gaelic Athletic Association.
There's Bridie O'Reilly's, The Bog and Blarney Stone
There's Patrick Sarsfield's, Kilkee, and Whelan's.
And Brendan Behans is full of Fenians.
And Ma I've got a feeling that I won't be home.

'Cause I met a little Aussie girl
And she's got my heart in a whirl
And she asked me if I'd like to live in sin.
Now I'll become a permanent resident
Up the Republic – and I'll be president –
Then I can let Gerry Adams in.

CHORUS

There's O'Dwyers, McGuires and Molly Bloom's
There's Fiddler's Green and Fionn MacCool's.
James Joyce's Bar is serving Irish Stew

There's The Hairy Lemon and the The Squealing Pig
Delaney's Donkey and Adam's Fig
The Filthy Quarter and the famous Loo with a View
The music's great at Finnegan's Chin
There's Paddy's Pub and The welcome Inn
There's Irish Bars from Broom to Woolamaloo.

I'm more Irish here than I ever was at home.
And Ma I'm not so sure I'm coming home.

I wrote this with Robbie Dunn when the Irish Bar phenomenon was at its peak around the year 2000.

There was also a high profile push for Australia to become a republic.

The Australian republic referendum held on 6 November 1999 was a two-question referendum to amend the Constitution of Australia. It failed.

The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs in Australia during 1999 was Philip Ruddock. He was keen to keep Gerry Adams out.