

# Irish Rover, The

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=au30c9ZMIPg>

A song originally by the Pogues, this is the **Pogues/Dubliners version**

*Verses deleted at random !!*

In the [G] Fourth of July, eighteen hundred and [C] six,  
We set [G] sail from the sweet cove of [D] Cork  
We were [G] sailing away with a cargo of [C] bricks  
For the [G] grand City [D] Hall in New [G] York  
She was a [G] wonderful craft, she was [D] rigged 'fore and aft  
And how [G] the wild winds [D] drove her  
She 'stood [G] several blasts, she had [Em] twenty-seven [C] masts  
And they [G] called her the [D] Irish [G] Rover

We had [G] one million bags of the best Sligo [C] rags  
We had [G] two million barrels of [D] stones  
We had [G] three million sides of old blind horses' [C] hides  
We had [G] four million [D] barrels of [G] bones  
We had [G] five million hogs and [D] six million dogs  
[G] And seven million barrels of [D] porter  
We had [G] eight million bales of old [Em] nanny goats' [C] tails  
In the [G] hold of the [D] Irish [G] Rover

There was [G] Barney McGee from the banks of the [C] Lee  
There was [G] Hogan from County Ty-[D]rone  
There was [G] Johnny McGurk who was scared stiff of [C] work  
And a [G] man from [D] Westmeath called [G] Malone  
There was [G] Slugger O'Toole who was [D] drunk as a rule  
[G] And fighting Bill Tracy from [D] Dover  
And your [G] man Mick McCann, from the [Em] banks of the Bann  
Was the [G] skipper of the [D] Irish [G] Rover

We had [G] sailed seven years when the measles broke [C] out  
And our [G] ship lost her way in the [D] fog  
And the [G] whole of the crew was reduced down to [C] two  
'Twas [G] meself and [D] the captain's old [G] dog  
Then the [G] ship struck a rock; oh Lord [D] what a shock  
[G] The bulkhead was turned right [D] over  
We turned [G] nine times around - then [Em] the poor old dog was [C] drowned  
Now I'm [G] the last of the [D] Irish Ro-[G]ver

