

## Hiring Fair

### The Irish Rovers

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with a decent man."  
But little I knew what I had to do for Grady of  
Stravan.

As I went down to the Hiring Fair in a place they call  
the Strand,  
Twas there I hired for seven long years with Grady of  
Stravan.  
And before I went and hired with him, he was very nice  
to me.  
He promised me eggs and bacon, and he then shook hands  
with me,

Saying "You're welcome with me, Johnny. And you're with  
a decent man."  
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Stravan.

When I went up to my bed that night, I let out an awful  
bawl.  
For the fleas they made a fierce attack, and I got no  
sleep at all.  
When I came down for my breakfast, what do you think I  
see,  
But a dozen squawling children saying "Is there  
anything there for me?"

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I worked on Grady's farm til I looked an awful sight.  
My bones were pushing through my skin, for I worked  
from morn til night.  
One day, I died and passed away, and Grady gave a grin,  
Saying "He'll make good fertilizer, and there's plenty  
more like him."

Saying "You're welcome with me, Johnny. And you're with  
a decent man."  
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