

## Kitty the Rose of Kilrea

The Irish Rovers

I've always been a rover and I've never had a care  
I've courted every lass I've met from Antrim down to  
Clare  
I've never felt the pain of love 'till cupid came one  
day  
Now every thought I've had is on Kitty of Kilray!

Refrain:

I love the rose of Kilray, and one of these days I'll  
dance her away  
She's stolen my heart, and never I'll part with Kitty  
the rose of Kilray

Her hair is long and golden and her eyes are emerald  
green  
She's well put together from head to toe she's every  
young man's dream  
All of the boys are chasing her and it's time I made me  
play  
When I get bold I will propose to Kitty the rose of  
Kilray

Refrain

In Belfast city I know a lass with money and with class  
She asked if she could marry me but I know it wouldn't  
last  
I told her nice and gently that my heart would never  
stray  
From the rose of county Derry and my Kitty of Kilray

Refrain

Now that we are married we have children on our knee  
A girl just like her mother and a boy that looks like  
me  
And when I hold her in my arms my heart still thumps  
away  
The king can have his riches, I've got Kitty of Kilray

Refrain