Tis of My Rambles

The Irish Rovers

Well since I was just a lad I've had the rovin' on me mind At sixteen years I bid adieu and wandered far away From Ballymena town I left ould Ireland far behind But I knew that I'd return again some day

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So I tramped the British isles then I sailed across the sea I wondered what me fate would be in North Americay We landed in Quebec where they fly the fleur-de-lis And from there I rambled down through Boston way

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Well in Frisco next arrived where I fell in love one day And I swore I'd take her home and show her round the Emerald Isle But the children came along and the time it slipped away Though I dreamt of dear ould Ireland all the while

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And now I'm old and grey and me rovin' days are done Returning to ould Ireland's just a dream across the foam But me thoughts are still me own and I know where I begun And fondly do I think back on me home

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