

Carrickfergus

(Van Morrison/Paddy Maloney version)

Words & Music:
Traditional Irish
Arr: Van Morrison & Paddy Moloney

Note the similarity between this song's chorus and that of "Waly, Waly" or "The Water Is Wide".

Am Dm G7 Am Dm G7 C
I wished I had you in Carrickfergus, only for nights in Ballygrand.
Am Dm G7 Am Dm Am C
I would swim over the deepest ocean, the deepest ocean to be by your side.

CHORUS:

G7 C Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
But the sea is wide and I can't swim over & neither ha--ve I wings to fly.
Am Dm G7 Am Dm G7 C
I wish I could find me a handy boatman to ferry me over to my love and die.

My childhood days bring back sad reflections of happy days so long ago.
My boyhood friends & my own relations have all passed on like the melting snow.

CHORUS:

BRIDGE:

C G7 C Am Dm G7
So, I'll spend my days in endless roving,
C Am Dm G7
Soft is the grass and my bed is free.
Dm G7 Am
Oh, to be home now in Carrickfergus,
Dm G7 C
On the long road down to the salty sea.

And in Kilkenny, it is reported, on marble stone there as black as ink,
With gold and silver I did support her.
But I'll sing no more now 'til I get a drink.

CHORUS:

I'm drunk today and I'm rarely sober; a handsome rover from town to town.
Oh, but I am sick now and my days are numbered.
Come, all ye young men, and lay me down.