

Excursion Around The Bay

Words & Music:
Johnny Burke (Great Big Sea)

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Well it was on this Monday morning and the day be calm and fine.

A D E
To the Harbour Grace excursion with the boys to have a time.

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And just before the sailor took the gangway from the pier

D A E A
I saw some fella haul me wife aboard as a volunteer.

CHORUS:

A E A E D A
"Oh me, oh my!" I heard me old wife cry. "Oh me, oh my, I think I'm gonna die!"

A D A
"Oh me, oh my!" I heard me old wife say,

D A E A
"I wish I'd never taken this excursion around the bay".

We had full three hundred souls aboard, oh what a splendid sight!
Left stong and regimental to make our spirits bright.
And meself being in the double, when a funny things they'd say.
They choke themselves from laughing when they'd see us in the bay.

CHORUS:

Me wife she got no better, she turned a sickly green.
I fed her cake and candy, fat pork and kerosene.
Castor Oil and sugar of candy, I rubbed pure oil on her face.
And I said she'll be a dandy when we reaches Harbour Grace!

CHORUS:

My wife she got no better, my wife, me darling dear.
The screeches from her troll you could hear in Carbonear.
I tried every place in Harbour Grace, tried every store and shop,
To get her something for a cure or take her to the hop.

CHORUS:

She died below the brandies as we were coming back.
We buried her in the ocean, wrapped up in a Union Jack.
So now I am a single man, in search of a pretty face.
And the woman that says she'll have me, I'm off for Harbour Grace!

CHORUS: