

AWAY

Willie was an Irish lad, who lived close to the sea
in a little cottage with his old mother dear
he loved the sea and by the time came for him the day
to tell his dear old mother I'm going far away

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Away, away, far away from thee
He promised to come back again, to her cottage by the sea

His mother cried, please do not go
stay home at the least this year

We lost your father in a storm while he was in rough seas
But Willie stepped on board a ship with cargo for the East
And promised his dear mother to be back in less a year

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His boat sailed to the far, far east and Willie enjoyed his life
But in a bar on the Philippines he met a lovely wife
He wrote to his dear mother I have a wife to wed
And that it might be longer before I would come back

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One day he got the message his mother had fade away
And that she had much sorrow where was he since that day?
And that she would be buried on that flowery field
With was behind her cottage her cottage by the sea

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When Willie had read the message
his eyes were full with tears

And regret he broke his promise to be back in less a year
Now he ordered for a ticket to his old Ireland dear
To see that little flowery grave near her cottage by the sea

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