



SLIGO GIRL

CHORUS

**T'was a girl here; t'was a girl there
She swams every day
She wants to cross the ocean
To live in Americay**

**There was a Sligo girl; there was a Sligo girl
She jumped into Sligo bay
She was starting swimming
All to Amerikay**

**And the girl she swam; and the girl she swam
Till she met a big, big whale
She could jump on his broad back
And the fish brought her half way**

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Then the girl gets tired; then the girl gets tired

She was very cold and wet
Then could jump on a little boat
But it brought her halfway back

Then a trawler passed; then a trawler passed

And the crew saw girly swim
But did not want her on the ship
They want no mermaid in

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Then the girl thought; then the girl thought

If I want to Americay
I'd better had gone to Dublin
And took the big big plane

So the girl swam back; so the girl swam back

To her lovely Sligo bay
And with help of a fisherman
She returned in a couple of days

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And now she's back, and now she's back

She drank three pints that day
And ordered for a ticket
For the plane to Americay

Then to Dublin she went; then to Dublin she went

And there she took the plane
Now she's walking around in Boston
And dreaming of Sligo bay

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(last time is different from rest)

T'was a girl here; t'was a girl there

**She swam every day
She has crossed the ocean
And lives in Americay**

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