

Dixie Meredith's Straw

When Dixie got married and his honeymoon was o'er,
 We heard he was returning by train to Farranfore,
 We collected a bunch around like custom and like law,
 And proceeded up to Parkmore to Dixie Meredith's straw.
 When we arrived at the lodge gate the time was scarcely eight,
 We met Bill Kerins veterans who had not stayed too late,
 They told us they had got a quid Tade Geoffrey's eyes did shine,
 If we got a quid we will have porter whiskey lemonade and wine.
 'Twas when we arrived at the swing gate we heard an awful roar,
 We never thought that Cromwell lived as near to us as Parkmore,
 Go back now the way you came up Tim O Shinka was heard to say,
 'Twas then a gun blazed in the dark and Denny Keane shouts hurray

Chorus

Fire on them Dick old Stevie said and the shotgun blazed away,
 Breakig was our captain and Darkie the fiddle did play,
 John K. Moriarty toot the flute the finest you ever saw,
 And the greatest night in history was Dixie Meredith's straw.

Then started the greatest race in the history of mankind.
Eily Cunniffe started favourite but soon was left behind.

B. Collins made the running with Mary Egan gaining ground.

Then Eily turned a corner quick and knocked Jack Hussey down.

Nora Greaney travelling nicely over ground she seemed to fly.

As she crossed out Mikee Twiss and left him struggling by.

Moss Callaghan like an antelope he broke into a run.

He would remind you of your school days and the long division sum

Chorus - again

Billen Geoffrey broken winded couldn't stick the telling pace.

And coming near the water jump Mick Donaghue fell on his face

Bertie Shanahan and Jerry Breen both were going well

Eily McCarty came in front of them they both pulled up and fell.
And coming near the lodge gates they paused to look about.
When on came Eily Cunniffe and she roaring let me out.
Oh all ye lads and lassies beware of roaring men.
If Dixie thinks we will forget it he has got to think again.
Don't ever go to Parkmore while this bulldog is at large.
And it makes the matter ten times worse when Tim Shinka is in charge.

Chorus again