

# One Side of Galway Town

The image shows a musical score for the song 'One Side of Galway Town'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'As I walked out one morning some friends for to go see, I'. The second staff continues with 'met an honored lady who fell in love with me. Her'. The third staff has 'for - tune was five thou - sand pounds in rea - dy mon - ey down, And like -'. The fourth staff ends with 'wise an es - tate was willed to her One side of Gal - way Town.'

She wrote to me a letter, as you can plainly see,  
Saying, "Johnnie, dearest Johnnie, I am in love with thee.  
If you don't prove kind and marry me, my life I will destroy.  
And then I will torment you  
Until the day you die."

I wrote my love a letter, as you can plainly see,  
I said, "Dear honored lady, I'm no wedded match for thee.  
You should choose some lord or nobleman your husband for to be,  
And likewise if your parents should find us out  
Transported I would be."

But being afraid of what she said, with her I did agree,  
I, being afraid of what she said, with her did run away.  
Her father followed after us and soon he found our trail.  
He brought me back a prisoner,  
Lodged me in Galway jail.

Oh, there I stayed with troubled mind until the day of trial.  
Up stepped her aged father saying, "You need not on him smile."  
He says, "Good lords and jury-men, no man can set him free,  
For, my good lords, he's robbed my house  
And stole my child away."

The sentence it was passed and I was condemned to die.  
Up steps this honored lady and most bitterly did cry.  
She say, "Good lords and jury-men, for this now set him free,  
For I love him beyond distraction,  
Which has proved his destiny."

Oh, the jail it was thrown open and now, thank God, I'm free,  
And in spite of her old father we live in unity.  
In spite of her old father in wedlock bands we're bound,  
And we now are living on her estate  
One side of Galway Town.

Note: I heard a cousin sing this when I was a small child. I have never heard it sung outside of my own family.