

Denis O'Reilly

As learnt from Sydney bush musician and collector Jamie Carlin. The song is clearly Irish in origin with Australian references.
A similar song 'With My Swag All On My Shoulder' has a similar theme and tune and details exploits on the goldfields.

Verse

C **Am**

My name is Den-nis O' - - Reil - - ly From Dub - lin town I came.

C **F** **C** **G7** **C**

For to tra - vel this whole world o - - ver I sailed the Aus - tra - lian main.

Chorus

F **C** **C** **Am**

With my pack up - on my shoul - der And a black - thorn in my hand

C **F** **C** **G7** **C**

I'll tra - vel the bush-es of Aus - tra - - lia Like a true - born I - rish - man.

With my pack upon my shoulder
And a blackthorn in my hand
I'll travel the bushes of Australia
Like a trueborn Irishman

When I arrived in Melbourne town
The girls all jumped with joy
Saying one unto another
Here comes my Irish boy

Chorus
With his pack upon his shoulder
And a blackthorn in his hand
He'll travel the bushes of Australia
Like a trueborn Irishman

Oh, daughter dearest daughter
What do you intend to do
To fall in love with an Irishman
A man you never knew.

Oh mother dearest mother
I'll do the best I can
I'll travel the bushes of Australia
With my trueborn Irishman