

Oh Bedad Then Says I

From concertina player Herb Tattersall recorded by John Meredith. The original "I don't care if I do" is changed here to the recognisable "I don't mind if I do"

Well, you asked me to sing you a bit of a song. It's not ver-y short and it's not ver - y long;

8 You asked me to sing you a some - thing that's

12 new - - "Oh, be - dad then," says I, "I don't mind if I do."

Well, me name is Dan Murphy, a farmer am I,
I courted a lass and I felt rather shy;
She bid me come in for a moment or two—
"Oh, bedad then," says I, "I don't mind if I do."

Well, we entered the kitchen—'twas cosy and bright;
A fine, hearty supper I put out of sight.
Said she, "Here's a drop of the old mountain dew—"
"Oh, bedad then," says I, "I don't mind if I do."

Now, when I was finished, I picked up me hat;
Says Peggy, Me darlin, don't leave me like that.
She asked me to kiss her like fond lovers do—
"Oh, bedad then," says I, "I don't mind if I do."

Then we kissed and we squeezed and to lover's delight;
She asked me to wed her and make her my wife.
Says she, "I've a cow and an acre or two—"
"Oh, bedad then," says I, "I don't mind if I do."

In was early next morning to the church to get wed;
The priest stood and faced us with a book, and he said,
"Now, let you take Peggy and Peggy take you—"
"Oh, bedad then," says I, "I don't mind if I do."