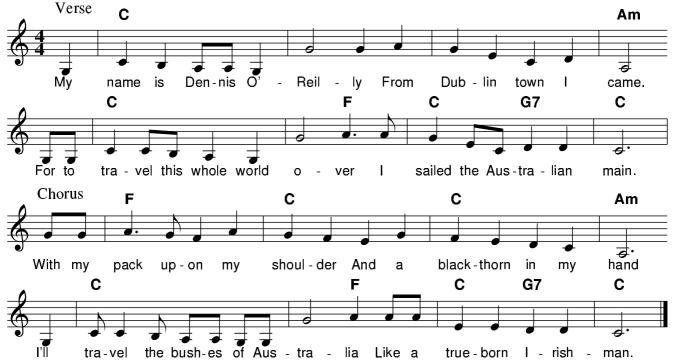
## **Denis O'Reilly**

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.



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