

Johnny Jump Up

I'll tell you a story that happened to me
One day as I went down to Cork by the sea
The day it was hot and the sun it was warm
Says I a quiet pint wouldn't do me no harm

I went in and ordered a bottle of stout
Says the barman, I'm sorry all the beer is sold out
Try whiskey or paddy, ten years in the wood
Says I, I'll try cider, I've heard it was good.

Chorus
Oh never, Oh never, Oh never again
If I live to be a hundred or a hundred and ten
I fell to the ground I could not get up
After drinking a quart of the Johnny Jump Up

After downing a third I went out to the yard
Where I bumped into Brody, the big yeoman guard
Come here to me boy, don't you know I'm the law?
So I up with me fist and I shattered his jaw

He fell to the ground with his knees doubled up
But it wasn't I hit him. 'twas Johnny Jump Up
The next thing I remember down in Cork by the sea
Was me taking a swig of that cider so sweet.

Chorus

I went out to Lee Road, a friend for to see
They call it the madhouse in Cork by the sea
But when I got there, sure the truth I will tell
They had this poor bugger locked up in a cell

Said the guard said to him, say these words if you can
Around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran
Tell him I'm not crazy, tell him I'm not mad
It was only a sip of that cider I had

Chorus

More ----

Well... There once was a Sheriff by the name of McNabb
They dressed him, they laid him outside on the slab
And after the parlours his measurements did take
His wife brought him home to a bloody fine wake

Twass about 12 and the beer was so high
The corpse he sits up and he says with a sigh
I can't get to heaven, they won't let me up
Till I bring them a quart of that Johnny Jump Up

Chorus

So if ever you go down to Cork by the sea
Stay out of the ale house and take it from me
If you want to stay sane don't dare take a sup
Of that devil drink called Johnny Jump Up

ChorusX2