

## It's a long way to Tipperary

*"It's a Long Way to Tipperary" is an English music hall song first performed in 1912 by Jack Judge. It was also recorded in 1914 by Irish tenor John McCormack. It was used as a marching song among soldiers in the First World War and is remembered as a song of that war. Tipperary is a town in southern Ireland and the song represented the longing that Irish soldiers, serving in London, had of their beloved country.*

Up to mighty London came an Irish lad one day.  
All the streets were paved with gold, so everyone was gay;  
Singing songs of Piccadilly, Strand and Leicester Square,  
'Till Paddy got excited and he shouted to them there:

### Chorus:

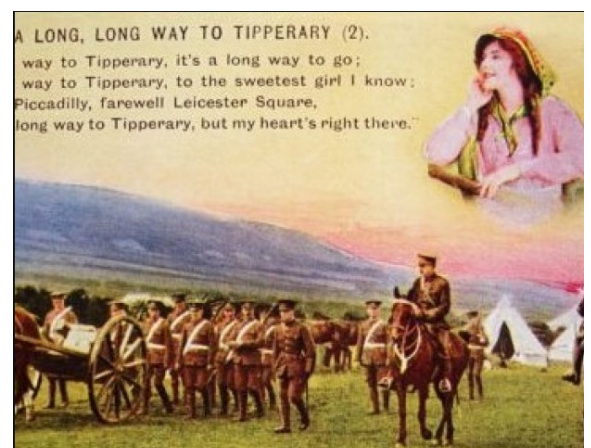
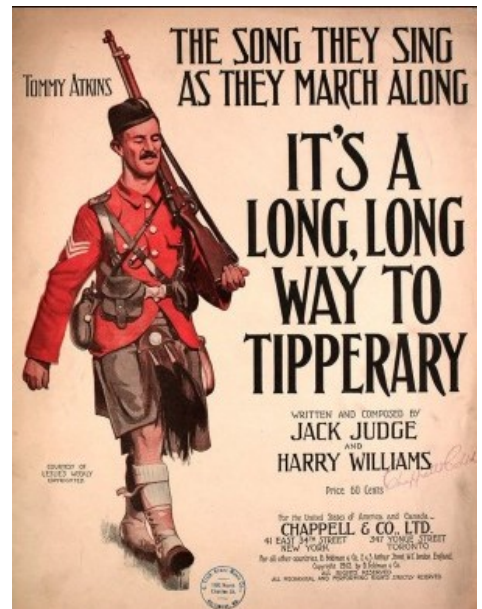
It's a long way to Tipperary, it's a long way to go.  
It's a long way to Tipperary to the sweetest girl I know.  
Goodbye Piccadilly, farewell Leicester Square.  
It's a long, long way to Tipperary, but my heart's right there.

Paddy wrote a letter to his Irish Molly O,  
Saying, "Should you not receive it, write and let me know!  
If I make mistakes in spelling, Molly dear," said he,  
"Remember it's the pen that's bad, don't lay the blame on me."

[Chorus]

Molly wrote a neat reply to Irish Paddy O.  
Saying "Mike Maloney wants to marry me, and so,  
Leave the Strand and Piccadilly, or you'll be to blame,  
For love has fairly drove me silly; hoping you're the same!"

[Chorus]



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