

Lough Carra

O Lough Carra when I gaze on thy bosom all ablaze
From the glorious light of heaven's portal fair,
For it seems its paradise is refreshing to my eyes
After many years of longing to be there.

Chorus:

Sail, sail the boat in all its glory
I long to see the green bowers that I love
Where the trees are fresh and green as the woodland's summer queen
Now hasten to the green bowers which I love.

Let us sail around once more by Lough Carra's eastern shore
Till we reach Cloondaver shore once again.
For to tell the old friends all that we went to see
Moorehall that ancient home of George without a stain.

Chorus

Let us sail around the coast it will be a matchless sport
Till we reach history's old Lake View
Where the ladies are so fair that your heart they would ensnare
They have captured hearts already not a few.

Chorus

Now dear lake I bid adieu to the matchless water blue
To the pleasant scenes of childhood dear to me
To the rocks upon the shore to the nation I adore
Now thank god I have seen Lough Carra once more.

Chorus

It is possible that this song that was written and sung by Mr Martin May at a Ballygarris concert in August 1905. The Connaught Telegraph report of 12 August 1905 stated that "Mr Martin May next sang an Irish song and in response to an encore sang a song entitled 'Lough Carra' which was well received by the audience."