

**Song book** For the servicemen and women who served in the Great War, popular music of the time provided both comfort, relief and reminders of home. Some tunes being adapted by the soldiers themselves with new lyrics. Music and singing boosted moral and helped keep their courage.

Regimental bands were on active service, bandsmen usually doing duty as stretcher bearers, off duty the bandsmen would play for the entertainment of the troops in reserve behind the front line.

Below are the lyrics to a popular song of the time.

**Task 1.**

Listen and sing along to the song.

**Task 2. Questions to ask .**

How did the song make you feel? .....

How do you think William White and his fellow soldiers felt

Singing this song? .....

**Task 3**

Notice how 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> lines all rhyme.

- Underline all the words that rhyme.
- Explore the beats in each line what you can you see?

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- What can you tell about the structure of the verses? .....

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**Task 4.**

(Keeping the chorus the same)

In small groups write your own verse for this song.

Remember the structure; beat and rhythm and rhyme when composing your verse.

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> lines

**It's A long Way to Tipperary.**

Up to mighty London came  
An Irish Lad one **day**,  
All the streets were paved with  
So everyone was **gay**!  
Singing songs of Piccadilly,  
Strand and Leicester **Square**,  
'Till Paddy got excited then  
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  
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.

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It's a long way to go.  
It's a long way to  
It's a long way to Tipperary,  
To the sweetest girl I know.  
Goodbye Piccadilly,  
Farewell Leicester Square,  
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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, thats bad.  
Don't lay the blame on me."

**Chorus**

( Class teacher) <http://www.ww1photos.com/WW1MusicIndex.html> the original music and lyrics to the above song and others.