

The Old Woman from Wexford

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There was an old woman from Wexford,
G7 C
In Wexford town did dwell.
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She loved her husband dearly,
G F
But another man twice as well.

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Chorus

C G7  
With me rifah loora liddey ay  
C G7 C  
And me rifah low-rel lay.

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One day she went to the doctor
Some medicine for to find.
She says: "Doctor give me something
That'll make me ould man blind."

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Chorus

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"Oh, feed him eggs and marrow bones
And make him eat them all,
And it won't be so very long after that
He won't see you at all."

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Chorus

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Now the doctor wrote a letter
And he signed with his hand,
And he sent it to the old man
Just to let him understand.

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Chorus

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So she fed him eggs and marrow bones
And made him eat them all,
And it wasn't so very long after that
He couldn't see the wall.

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Chorus

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"O," says he "I'd go and drown myself
But that might be a sin."
"Well," says she "I'll go along with you
And I'll help to push you in."

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Chorus

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The old woman she stepped back a bit
To run and push him in.
But the old man slyly stepped aside
And she went tumbling in.

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Chorus

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Oh, how loudly did she roar
And how loudly did she bawl,
"Arrah sure will yer whisht ould woman
Sure I can't see you at all."

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Chorus

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She swam and swam and swam and swam
Till she reached the further brim.
The old man got a long, larch pole
And he pushed her further in.

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Chorus

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Now eggs are eggs and marrow bones
May make your old man blind,
But if you want to drown him
You must creep up close behind.

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The lyrics to The Old Woman From Wexford tell the story of a man who outwits his wife after she tries to kill him. There are several versions to be found in different English speaking countries all over the world.

The chords are presented here in C Major, the key used by the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem in most of their performances of the song.

In later years, when Paddy Clancy took the lead vocals, they performed the song in D Major.

Ronnie Drew and the Dubliners played it in A Major. Canadian folk rock group perform the song in E Major.

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