Galway Bay

D A
If you ever go across the sea to Ireland,
A7 D
Then maybe at the closing of the day,
Em
You will sit and watch the moon rise over Claddagh,
A7 D
And see the sun go down on Galway Bay.

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Just to hear again the ripple of the trout stream,
The women in the meadow making hay,
And to sit beside the turf fire in the cabin,
And watch the bare-foot gossoons as they play.

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For the breezes blowing over the seas from Ireland
Are perfumed by the heather as they blow,
And the women in the uplands digging praties,
Speak a language that strangers do not know.

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For the strangers came and tried to teach us their ways,
They scorned us just for being what we are,
But they might as well go chasing after moonbeams,
Or light a penny candle from a star.

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And if there is going to be a life hereafter,
And somehow I am sure there's going to be,
I will ask my God to let me make my heaven
In that dear land across the Irish sea.

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The lyrics to Galway Bay were written by Dr Arthur Colahan. The melody is by the Irish composer John Turner Huggard.

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