



A DISCUSSION BETWEEN A
ROMAN CATHOLICK GIRL
 AND A
PROTESTANT GENTLEMAN
 [NEAR
ARDEE CO. LOUTH

As I rove'd out one eveing in the pleasant month of June,
 The birds the sang harmoniously the trees vvere in full blee,
 The violets and prim roses vvere charming for to see,
 The woodcock to pith joy did coo convenient to Ardee,

I rested on a lovely bank vvhre trees they did me shade
 To my surprise approaching me I spied a lov. ly maid,
 At the first glance I got of hea my heart she stole from me
 I'm in dispair for that young fair the pride of srveest Ardee,

I paid my best obedienc unto this lovely maid,
 Said I sveest fair I am sincere my heart you have betray'd
 If you concent to be my br de a lady you shall be,
 And you'll b ess the day that vve did most convenient to Ardee,

Kind sir you are a jester but yet dont make so free,
 If I am poor I am content vwith all my poverty,
 I bear my crosse vwith patience I pray to God on high
 No bible reader ou this earth vvill me decoy,

Fair maid you touch my feelings for to say,
 You know not what riligion is you ore only going astray,
 You say the holy mis oners they can forgive your sins.
 That's only mocking G. d on high that such power is given to man

Kind sir dont speak of peagancy for heare it is quite plain
 S. int Peter was the first from God that power did obtain,
 The Sacrament of Peunance does cleanse our sins away,
 The Church of Rome can never while Peter holds the Key

You say your Church ca never er the young mnn did reply,
 But an wer me one question & do not talcify,
 You cal. toe Mass a Sacrifice but prove that udto me,
 How can you make your Alters a second Calvary,

Kind sir you speak quite foolish you sair me with surprise,
 To think that I cant provk the Mass an unld dy Sacrifice
 Our Saviour died upon the Cross to set poor sinners free
 But I'll show how our immortal souls was save'd on Calvary,

In the noly Tabernacle our Saviour he does dwell,
 The joy of Saints & Angles who conquer'd death & hell,
 He is the chosen Lamb of God no blood for him was shed
 When offer'd on our Alters for the living & the dead,

Ahe young man he surrender'd & said most gallant fair
 You satisfied my question I really do declare;
 Although I am of noble blood I'll change my life with the
 And P. I make you a rich lady near the town of ardee

Now to conclude in those few lines she's worthy of great prais
 If you'r inclined you'l easy find what is the fair one's name,
 A quadrupd from the lands wall show quite plain to thee,
 Nine letters tells the ser name of the dride of sweet Ardee

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