

ST. PATRICK'S SONG

1. This song tells the story of times long ago
when the people of Ireland God's word did not know.
It tells how a young boy, just Patrick by name,
the saint and apostle of Ireland became.

Chorus:

- O sing of St Patrick, a true Irish son,
who preached to the people and many souls won.
He was fearless but gentle and answered God's call,
and never gave in 'til he'd baptised them all.
2. One day when young Patrick had gone out to play
he was captured by pirates who took him away.
He was shepherd and slave then for seven long years
but his trust in God overcame all his fears.
 3. Up high on a hillside he heard a strange sound;
his sheep were all grazing and didn't look round;
a voice told him, 'Patrick, you'll find a small ship',
so he picked up his bundle and ran away quick.
 4. The ship took him far and then left him in Gaul,
but Patrick was pleased that he'd answered God's call.
He studied the Scriptures and followed the way
that a priest called St. Martin had taught monks to pray.
 5. A priest too himself, then one day he returned
to Ireland, his country, for which his heart yearned.
He built lots of churches and travelled around
and talked to the people of the faith he had found.
 6. To the end of his life Patrick always took care
of the people of Ireland, who welcomed him there.
To this day he's remembered and his emblem is seen,
a lovely green shamrock on March Seventeen.