

## Donal Shea's Hotel

Words: Bill Cody

Air: See Notation

*From Mallow to Killarney what a lonely road to strike  
The tourists tired and thirsty in motorcar or bike  
But for Horgan's and for Curtin's tis like the road to hell  
But now they're only trotting after Donal Shea's Hotel*

*I met me friend Tom Nunan on a Sunday afternoon  
He says hop in we'll take a spin in me big red Ford saloon  
With the clock approaching 90, I cried stop Tom what the hell  
But Jackeen McCarthy roared hold on we're making Shea's Hotel*

*When at Roskeen we landed what a pleasant sight to see  
We'd John Kiely there from Moher with his gadget on his knee  
Mick Sullivan shouted glory boys it's here I'd like to dwell  
For far better than the Sandpit is the drink at Shea's Hotel*

*Now it's customers there many who travel there each night  
And the porter tastes like honey and the Beamish sheer delight  
Red Barrel, Phoenix, Barley Wine the Yanks all say it's swell  
And the barmaids there like angels down at Donal Shea's hotel*

*When into the lounge I wondered and having lofts of fun  
Was a man called William Hartnett, he's the Mayor of Lisnacon  
Conversing with Sylvester he let out a mighty yell  
As a chicken bone went down his throat at Donal Shea's hotel*

*There was also Tomeen Singleton the Colliery Tycoon  
He always takes a spin around this time in his saloon  
He's a clinker on the dart board but this he claims as well  
That double tops are easier got at Donal Shea's Hotel*

*There was also Billeen Cody and he made all present yawn  
For now the people are sick and tired of hearing Noreen Bán  
So instead of rounding Parnell's he fell into Curran's well  
And Tom Nunan's car became a hearse coming home from Shea's Hotel*

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‡ The Blackwater Inn, in Roskeen, Castlemagner, was a very popular bar, eating house and entertainment venue, ran by proprietor Donal O'Shea and staff, for many years. Local characters abounded in all localities at that time and "The Inn" hosted several. Many top bands, ballad groups and well known artists performed there from the 1960's to near the end of the second millennium. Its heyday was during the era of "The Chicken or Beef Supper" and of the thousands that were held there, many are legendary. Bill Cody honours *Donal Shea's Hotel* in his typical, comical fashion. This song was collected from Donagh Murphy, *Dysert*, who says it enjoyed great popularity and became a local hit and it is still regularly requested and spoken about.

### Notes: