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The Irish Blues

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Comp. of "I'm a long way from Tipperary" etc.

Moderato (*Not fast.*)

Piano introduction in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The music features a steady bass line in the left hand and a more active melody in the right hand, primarily using chords and simple eighth-note patterns.

VAMP

The I-rish are a fight-ing race, a
I've read most .ev-'ry his-to-ry, to

The piano accompaniment for the vamp section consists of a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *fz*, *mp*, and *mf*.

ve-ry hard to fright-en race, To ev-'ry war you'll find the I-rish goin'; No
try and solve the mys-te-ry, Of why the I-rish love the can-non's roar; A

Piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics, continuing the rhythmic pattern from the vamp section.

mat-ter what the fight's a-bout, Some I-rish men go march-ing out, And if they can-not find a war, They
war breaks out in "Tim-buc-too," the gal-lant fighting Dan Mc Cue, Loads up his gun to shoot some-one, He

Piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics, featuring a *marc.* (marcato) dynamic marking.

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start one of their own, — Near far off Dub-lin Bay, — Poor Ma-ry Ann O'
nev-er saw be-fore, — The wo-men know it's wrong, — They've said so right a

Shea, — Is griev-ing for her sol-dier boy, And moan-ing all the day, —
long, — For ev-'ry day near Dub-lin Bay, Poor Ma-ry sings this song. —

Chorus.

Oh! Oh! Oh! I've got those darn old I-rish Blues, — The mean-est kind, the greenest kind, the

kind you nev-er lose, — I don't know what the war's a-bout or where my Din-ny went, — But I

know I need his kiss-es, And the land lord needs his rent, — Oh! Oh! Oh! there was no

need for him to roam, — He could have had his fight-ing here at home —

I'm a-fraid he's fight-in' where the bat-tle's hot, And he may be com-in' home to

me "half shot"; That's why I've got those darn old I - rish Blues. — Blues. —

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