

TESSIE — a fragment

Now Tessie is an Irish dwarf,
She lives in County Clare,
Long past seventy is her age,
And thinned her bushy hair.

Her hands are soft as a baby's thigh
And broad her fingertips,
And many a lover Tessie's had
For all her narrow hips.

A travelling man from Galway,
A writer chap from Spain;
And an Englishmen, who loved her
And then went home again.

The Spanish lover gave her combs
From far-away Madrid;
The Irish lover gave her hell,
The English, fifty quid!

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