# Mountain Dew/I’ll Tell Me Ma

Traditional

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [A] / [A]**

Let **[A]** grasses grow and **[D]** waters flow

In a **[A]** free and easy **[E7]** way

But **[A]** give me enough of the **[D]** fine old stuff

That’s **[A]** made near **[E7]** Galway **[A]** Bay

Come **[A]** policemen all, from Donegal

From **[A]** Sligo-Lietrim **[F#m]** too

We’ll **[A]** give ‘em the slip, and we’ll **[D]** take a sip

Of the **[A]** rare old **[E7]** mountain **[A]** dew

**CHORUS:**

Hi, dee **[A]** diddley idle dum, diddley **[D]** doodle idle dum

Diddley **[A]** doo rye diddley eye **[E7]** day

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Diddley **[A]** doo rye **[E7]** diddley eye **[A]** day

At the **[A]** foot of the hill there’s a **[D]** neat little still

Where the **[A]** smoke curls up to the **[E7]** sky

By the **[A]** smoke and the smell you can **[D]** plainly tell

That there’s **[A]** poitín **[E7]** brewin’ near-**[A]**by

It **[A]** fills the air, with a perfume rare

And be-**[A]**twixt both me and **[F#m]** you

When **[A]** home you stroll you can **[D]** take a bowl

Or the **[A]** bucket of the **[E7]** mountain **[A]** dew

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Now **[A]** learned men, who **[D]** use the pen

Have **[A]** wrote the praises **[E7]** high

Of the **[A]** sweet poitín from **[D]** Ireland green

Dis-**[A]**tilled from **[E7]** wheat and **[A]** rye

Throw a-**[A]**way your pills, it’ll cure all ills

Of **[A]** pagan or Christian or **[F#m]** Jew

Take **[A]** off your coat and **[D]** grease your throat

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**< A CAPPELLA >**

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**I’ll Tell Me Ma**

**CHORUS:**

I'll **[A]** tell me ma when **[D]** I get **[A]** home

The **[E7]** boys won't leave the **[A]** girls alone

They **[A]** pull me hair and **[D]** stole me **[A]** comb

But **[E7]** that's all right, till **[A]** I go home

**[A]↓** She is handsome **[D]↓** she is pretty

**[A]↓** She is the Belle of **[E7]↓** Belfast city

**[A]** She is courtin' **[D]↓** one **[D]↓** two **[D]↓** three

**[A]** Please won’t you **[E7]** tell me **[A]** who is she **[A]**

**[A]** Albert Mooney **[D]** says he **[A]** loves her

**[E7]** All the boys are **[A]** fightin' for her

They **[A]** knock on her door, they **[D]** ring on her **[A]** bell sayin’

**[E7]** “Oh me true love **[A]** are you well?”

**[A]** Out she comes as **[D]** white as snow

**[A]** Rings on her fingers **[E7]** bells on her toes

**[A]** Old Jenny Murphy **[D]** says she’ll die

If she **[A]** doesn't get the **[E7]** fella with the **[A]** rovin’ eye

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**[A]** Please won’t you **[E7]** tell me **[A]** who is she **[A]**

Let the **[A]** wind and the rain and the **[D]** hail blow **[A]** high

And the **[E7]** snow come shovellin' **[A]** from the sky

**[A]** She's as sweet as **[D]** apple **[A]** pie

And **[E7]** she'll get her own lad **[A]** by and by

**[A]** When she gets a **[D]** lad of her own

She **[A]** won't tell her ma when **[E7]** she gets home

**[A]** Let them all come **[D]** as they will

But it's **[A]** Albert **[E7]** Mooney **[A]** she loves still

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