# McNamara’s Band

Shamus O’Connor and John J. Stamford 1889 – originally ‘MacNamara’s Band’

(lyrics as recorded by Bing Crosby and The Jesters 1945)



**< Note: “Julius” pronounced “Yoolius” >**

**< KAZOO starting note: G >**

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

**[C] / [C] / [D7] / [D7] /**

**[G7] / [G7] / [C] / [C]↓**

Oh, me **[C]** name is McNamara, I’m the leader of the band

Al-**[F]**though we’re few in **[C]** numbers, we’re the **[D7]** finest in the **[G7]** land

We **[C]** play at wakes and weddings, and at every fancy ball

And **[F]** when we play the **[C]** funerals, we **[D7]** play the **[G7]** march from **[C]** ‘Saul’

**CHORUS:**

Oh, the **[C]** drums go bang and the cymbals clang and the horns they blaze away

Mc-**[F]**Carthy pumps the **[C]** old bassoon while **[D7]** I the pipes do **[G7]** play

And **[C]** Hennessy Tennessy tootles the flute and the music is somethin’ grand

A **[F]** credit to old **[C]** Ireland is **[D7]** McNa-**[G7]**mara’s **[C]↓** band

**KAZOO BAND INSTRUMENTAL:**

**[C] / [C] / [D7] / [D7] /**

**[G7] / [G7] / [C] / [C] /**

**[C] / [C] / [D7] / [D7] /**

**[G7] / [G7] / [C] / [C]↓**

Right **[C]** now we are rehearsin’ for a very swell affair

The **[F]** annual cele-**[C]**bration, all the **[D7]** gentry will be **[G7]** there

When **[C]** General Grant to Ireland came, he took me by the hand

Says **[F]** he “I never **[C]** saw the likes of **[D7]** McNa-**[G7]**mara’s **[C]** band

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**[G7] / [G7] / [C] / [C] /**

**[C] / [C] / [D7] / [D7] /**

**[G7] / [G7] / [C] / [C]↓**

Oh, my **[C]** name is Uncle Julius and from Sweden I did come

To **[F]** play with McNa-**[C]**mara’s Band and **[D7]** beat the big bass **[G7]** drum

And **[C]** when I march along the street, the ladies think I’m grand

They **[F]** shout “There’s Uncle **[C]** Julius playin’ and **[D7]** with an **[G7]** Irish **[C]↓** band!”

Oh, I **[C]** wear a bunch of shamrocks and a uniform of green

And **[F]** I’m the funniest **[C]** lookin’ Swede that **[D7]** you have ever **[G7]** seen

There is O’-**[C]**Briens an’ Ryans, O’Sheehans an’ Meehans, they come from Ireland

But by **[F]** yimminy, I’m the **[C]** only Swede in **[D7]** McNa-**[G7]**mara’s **[C]** band

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**[G7] / [G7] / [C] / [C] /**

**[C] / [C] / [D7] / [D7] /**

**[G7] / [G7] / [C]↓ That McNa-[A7]↓mara!**

**[G7] / [G7] / [C]↓ [G7]↓ / [C]↓**



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