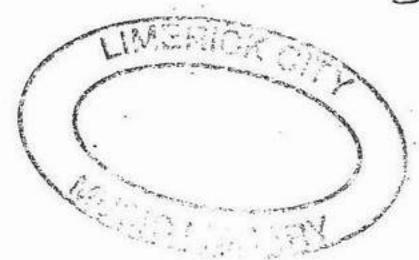
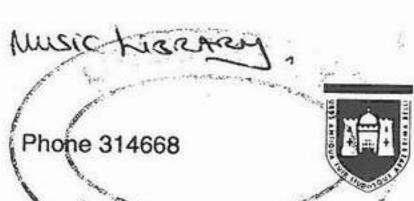
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VERSE 1

There is an Isle
A Bonny Isle
Stands proudly from
And dearer Far
Than All this World
Is That Dear Isle
It is not that alone it stands
While All Around is fresh and fair,

But because it is my native land and my Home, my Home is There, But because it is my native Land, and my Home, my Home is There.

VERSE II

Farewell, Farewell, Though lands may meet May meet my Gaze

I shall not find A spot so Fair As that Dear Isle

It is not that Alone it Stands While All around is Fresh and Fair

But because it is my native Land and my Home, my Home is There But because it is my native Land, and my Home, my Home is There.

RESPONSE

Stands proudly from the Sea,

Is that Dear Isle to Me, Alone it stands

CHORUS

Farewell, Farewell Though lands may meet

My Gaze where ere I roam I shall not find A spot so fair

As that dear isle to me

Alone it stands

CHORUS

The words of this anthem are believed to be taken from a poem of Scottish origin, which was taught to the girls attending St. Mary's Convent School, during the 1890s.

However, the music as far as can be ascertained, was written by a member of the Mercy order, who was teaching at the School at that time. It has enjoyed great popularity in St Mary's Parish since then, particularity on sporting occasions.

I am grateful to two of our local historians for the above information, Mr W. W. Glesson and Mr Kovin historian of whom unfortunately use no longer with us.

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