

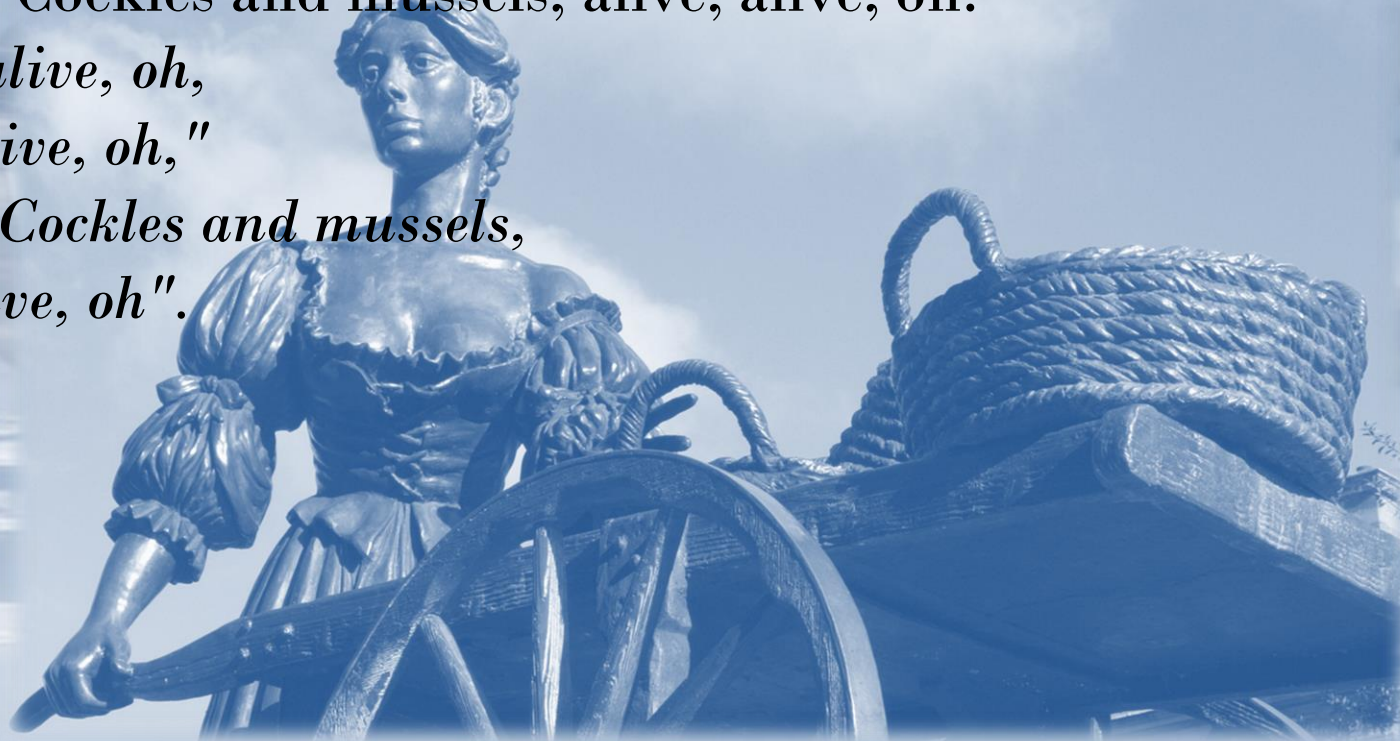


Sweet Molly Malone

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In Dublin's fair city,
Where the girls are so pretty,
I first set my eyes on sweet Molly Malone,
As she wheeled her wheel-barrow,
Through streets broad and narrow,
Crying, "Cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh!"
*"Alive, alive, oh,
Alive, alive, oh,"
Crying "Cockles and mussels,
alive, alive, oh".*



She was a fishmonger
But sure 'twas no wonder
For so were her father and mother before
And they each wheel'd their barrow
Through streets broad and narrow
Crying "Cockles and mussels alive, alive oh!"
*"Alive, alive, oh,
Alive, alive, oh,"
Crying "Cockles and mussels,
alive, alive, oh".*



She died of a fever,
And no one could save her,
And that was the end of sweet Molly Malone.
But her ghost wheels her barrow,
Through streets broad and narrow,
Crying, "Cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh!"
*"Alive, alive, oh,
Alive, alive, oh,"
Crying "Cockles and mussels,
alive, alive, oh".*



- The famous Irish folk song “Cockles and Mussels” tells her tragic tale.
- Molly Malone lived in 17th-century Dublin and was a woman renowned for her naturally stunning beauty, a beauty that is rumoured to have been the cause of her death.
- Molly Malone was said to live a double life:
 1. as in daylight hours she sold her wares up and down the streets of Dublin,
 2. at night she was a prostitute

There are differing accounts on her death:

1. died of fever due to the terrible conditions she had to live in,
2. a disease that she caught from one of her clients.



- Molly Malone has become one of Dublin's strongest emblems, forever linked with it.
- Besides being immortalized in Irish folklore and songs, Molly Malone also has her own statue that honours her as a working-class hero, and it has since become one of Dublin's most famous attractions.
- The statue of Molly Malone depicts her with a wheelbarrow in hand full of fishing baskets to sell.
- She has a solemn look on her face and is dressed in 17th-century clothing (a long dress and puffy sleeves), which is cut low to show off her bosom and may be a hint towards her nighttime profession.





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