



IRELAND IN HARMONY, TOGETHER WHILE APART.

The Granny Song

"Oh can we go to Granny's house, to Granny's house, to Granny's house?
Oh can we go to Granny's house?"
Said the children to their Mam
"Well if Granny says that's it's okay
I'll pack the bag without delay
And we'll have such great fun today
We always do with Gran."

"And can we go walking, a walking, a walking?
And can we go a walking?"
Dúirt na leanáí lena Gran
"We can go down to the Silver Strand
Make mighty caisleáins in the sand
I'll build a tower, you make a dam
An féidir linn? Oh please Oh Gran"

"And can we take a picnic, a picnic, a picnic?
Oh can we take a picnic?"
Dúirt an garmhac leis a Gran
"Beidh tae, brioscaí is ceaparaí
And a special treat for you and me
And we'll paddle our feet in the salty sea
And play Catch Me if You Can"

"And can we play in rocky pools, in rocky pools in rocky pools?
And can we play in rocky pools?
Dúirt na leanáí lena Gran
"We'll find báirneachs and anemones
Some portáns and some carraigín
A mermaid's purse and a smugairle rón
With it's tentacles coming undone"

"And can we stay in your house, in your house, in your house?
Oh can we sleep in your house?"
Dúirt na leanáí lena Gran
"At meanoíche we could have a feast
Have buns and cakes and other treats
And we promise we will brush our teeth
Agus beidh ár fiacla glan"



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“Beidh pancóga againn do bricfeasta, don bricfeasta, don bricfeasta
Beidh pancóga againn do bricfeasta
Le sú talún agus mil (jam)
And after that we'll sing this song
And we hope it hasn't been too long
And we'll have more fun with you Gran
An féidir linn? Of course we can

This song was composed by Mary Mac Nelis with her grandson Caolan for the 'Songs for our Children' project in February 2020.

Songs for Our Children was devised and co-ordinated by Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert and involves working with traditional singers around Ireland in the creation of a new body of songs in the traditional style suitable for children.

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