



MOLLY MALONE

Molly Malone and the city of Dublin

The ballad *Molly Malone* (or *Cockles and Mussels*) is popular both with the Irish people and tourists as an easy, memorable song that is associated strongly with Dublin city.



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The popular song 'Cockles and Mussels' has become a sort of unofficial anthem of Dublin city.



Who was Molly Malone?

Molly Malone was a fishmonger who walked through Dublin's fair city selling fish from her wheelbarrow.



Origin of Song

However, despite the song's great fame, little is known about its musical origins, or the veracity behind the story it tells.



Unknown composer of the lyrics

The composer of the lyrics and music is not known and it is uncertain when the song originated, or even what period it is meant to depict.



Little information is known

The only definite historical information that exists comes from the lyrics themselves, which tell us that Molly was an attractive young woman from a fishmonger background. She was a fishmonger too and sold seafood by wheeling a barrow through the streets of Dublin.

Molly's statue in Dublin

The statue, showing Molly was installed at the foot of Grafton Street to celebrate Dublin's millennium in 1988.



Molly Malone's End

A deadly fever claimed the life of young Molly Malone. Her ghost is believed to still roam Dublin's busy Moore Street fish market today.

