Mourne Maggie O

(from the singing of Hughie McAlindon from Rathfriland, on his album 'The Diamond Green')

Sure there was a man lived in the west With me yarn, and my yarn, and my andy-o And he had an auld woman and she wasn't the best

Chorus:

And still she was Mourne Maggie O Mourne, Mourne Maggie O And she went with the 'gig of giornan'

She had ten cows to a milking tie With me yarn, and my yarn, and my andy-o And she lay in bed 'til they all went dry

She had ten chickens and a fancy cock With me yarn, and my yarn, and my andy-o And every day she had one for the pot

She churned the butter in the old man's boots With me yarn, and my yarn, and my andy-o And she dresses the butter with the tongs and the crook

She left the butter all on the shelf With me yarn, and my yarn, and my andy-o And it never was turned 'til it turned itself

Now she swept the floor but once a year With me yarn, and my yarn, and my andy-o And she still complained that her broom was dear

Now she said her prayers on the broad of her back With me yarn, and my yarn, and my andy-o And she could put her heels at the back of her neck