



A Read-Along
Tuneful Tale

Molly and the Leprechaun



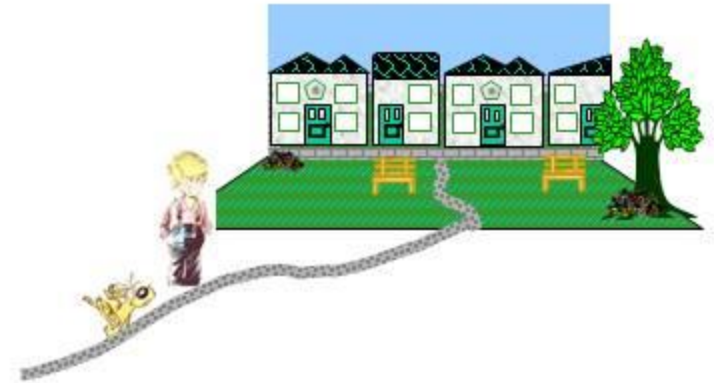
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Andy wanders far and wide
to see places that are new.
And wherever Andy goes,
Shadow goes with him, too.



ANDY'S WALKING ABOUT SONG



I love to follow any road
to see what I can find.
Villages, houses,
a city with a park.
And people of every kind.

One day Andy and Shadow
came to a town
with a nice grassy park
where they could sit down.



In that pleasant park
beneath a willow tree
Andy heard someone weeping,
"Poor Molly!
Alas! Poor me!"





**“Can I help you, Molly?
Is there something I can do?
Do you want to tell me
what is troubling you?”**



**“It is kind of you to offer,
but there is no help for me.
I’m doomed to live my life
as average as can be.”**

My hair and eyes
are average brown.
Our house is like
all the rest in town.
Mother and Father
are average, too.
How to be different?
I haven't a clue."



MOLLY'S SAD SONG

It's so boring to be
just like everybody!
Ho hum! So dumb!
How does anyone like me
become a somebody?
Adored! Not bored.



**“Everyone is different.
Look at you, look at me.”**



**“But I want to be different
in some special way, you see.”**



**“Oh, look!” cried Molly,
kneeling on the ground.
“You brought me luck!
Just look at what I found!”**



**“A four-leaf clover!
I’ve heard people say
that when you really find one,
you’ll have a lucky day.”**



**“Of course it is her lucky day!
Lucky I was passing this way.”**



**Molly and Andy both had to stare
at the strange man
suddenly sitting there.**

**“I’m Duncan Dinwiddie.
I’m handsome, I’m tall.
I’m not just a leprechaun!
I’m the best of them all.”**

**“Do you have magic powers?
Like in stories Grandma told?”
“The kind who has emerald dust
and a real pot of gold?”**





“A pot of gold?
I’ve got lots of pots.
And more magic powers
than all these flowers.”



Duncan's Song



I'm Duncan Dinwiddy, a superb leprechaun!
So clever, so handsome, so ahead of the throng!



I can make flowers blossom
or ruin your lawn,



I can make you real wealthy,
or way overdrawn,



I can grant you your wishes
or make things go wrong.



I'm Duncan Dinwiddy a superb leprechaun!
I'm handsome, I'm tall, and I sing a good song.



“Do you have the kind of magic that can grant my wish to me?”

“You found a four-leaf clover, so make a wish. Make three!”



Three wishes! Three wishes!

Molly has three wishes to spend!

Three wishes! Three wishes!

And she thinks her troubles will end!

It's the hardest choice she's ever faced.

She mustn't let her wishes go to waste.

**Three chances to make
her dreams come true.**

What would you wish if it were you?



**“I don’t know what to wish!
I don’t know what to say!”**



**“Take some time to think it over.
I’m sorry I can’t stay.
I’ll come back to check on you,
but make one wish today.”**



**“Something rare or magical
but different, that’s the clue.
To do something special
that no one else can do.”**





**“I know, I know, I’m wishing now!
I can feel it coming true!
When it happens, I will know
what Shadow says to you.”**

**“I hope you wished for more than that!
I know what Shadow’s saying.
Right now he’s very happy ‘cause
he’s in a park and playing.”**



**“It worked! Now I can really hear!
Dogs, cats, birds, chipmunks, deer.
What sounds to you
just like noises
sounds to me
like people’s voices.”**



Cool!





My tree!

No! My tree!

Scat, scat,
nasty cat!

There's a worm!
I see it squirm!

Don't be rude!
Give me food!
You owe me
'cause I'm pretty.



I don't want to
play at all
if I can't have
a brand new ball



Who let the
birds in
my park?



Parks are fun!
We can run.

My tree

No! My tree!

The next day in the park
Andy was surprised to see
Molly was still crying
beneath the willow tree.

Drat
that cat!
Hit it
with a bat!

"I don't
understand.
Your wish
came true."

Food! I want food!
Tuna with cream
or I scream!

I want a
brand new
ball

Don't you
hate
a spoiled
poodle!

Can't we get rid
of these birds!

Squirmy wormy
Meat so firm-y!

Nuts, nuts, I
need nuts.





“I wasted my wish! My brain feels numb!
They talk all the time,
but what they say is dumb.
In the movies I’ve seen,
the creatures are witty.
But the ones around here
are simply dimwitty.”



**WOULDN'T YOU THINK
THEY'D HAVE MORE TO SAY?**

**Wouldn't you think
they'd have more to say?**

Witty clever replies.

**Like in the movies,
something wise,**

telling jokes or even lies!

So what is wrong with these guys?





**“I’m just dropping in to see
how your wish is.
Although I don’t understand
who’d want to talk to fishes.**



**I see by your tears
the first wish fell through.
But I’m such a fine fellow,
you have another two.”**



**“I have to be more careful
with my second one.”**

**“You will be. You’ve had practice.
With this next one, you’ll have fun.”**



So Molly made her wish
and Andy had to stare,
for Molly now began
to float up in the air.



Cool!



“Look at me! I’m flying!
I’m up above the trees!
No one else can fly like me!
I want my friends to come and see!”

“Look at Molly! See her fly!”
“Molly’s up there in the sky!”
“Hey, Molly, show us
how it’s done
so all of us
can have some fun!”





**“It’s not a trick
I can teach to you.
It’s something
only I can do.”**



**“Can’t teach us how?
That’s just baloney!
You’re no friend.
You’re just a phony.”**



YOU'RE JUST BEING MEAN



**It’s not that you can’t, it’s just that you won’t
teach us how to fly!
It’s not that you can’t, it’s just that you don’t
want us in your sky!
It’s not that you can’t, you’re just plain mean!
And that’s the reason why.**



**“She really can’t,”
Andy started to say.
But Molly’s friends
just walked away.**



**You’re in the way!
You’re in the way!**



Yipes!



**Stay away
from my tree!**

**Stay away
from my tree**



**Jumping
Jehosephat!
That flying girl
is worse than a cat!**



Flying So High Can be Lonely



Flying so high can be lonely.
Soon you get tired of the view.
The birds all think you're intruding,
propellers can chop you in two.
Nobody else can do it,
but nobody's glad for you.

**“Molly O'Malley!
Get down on the ground!
I will not allow you
to go flying around!
Now come in to dinner
and wash your hands
and hope that your father
understands!”**





**“This wish is my last.
They went by so fast.
Nothing inspired me.
No one admired me.
What if I make
another mistake?”**



**“I wish I had
some good advice.
Something everyone
will think is nice.”**



**“I know! I know!
They’ll really like this!
This wish is surefire.
This wish won’t miss!”**



“You might want to put
a helmet on.

Be careful! Don't
drive across the lawn!”



The Speeding Song

**Speeding bravely down the road,
no one's going faster!**

Silly lady in her great big car!

How easily I passed her!

No time to put a helmet on!

By the time you find it, I'll be gone!

**Wheeling left and wheeling right,
no time to notice traffic lights!**



Molly sped
down the road
going just as fast
as she could.
Going much faster
than anyone should.
All the cars
and pedestrians
gave her space
until a police car
joined the race.



**“Wishes are wasted on humans!
They never can be
as wise and as clever as me.
I’m Duncan Dinwiddie,
a superb leprechaun!
And now, little Molly,
your wishes are gone
...and so am I!”**



**“I was born to be
just average.
Dull Molly O’Malley,
that’s me!
Not even magic wishes
could make
someone special
out of me.”**



**“Not true! Lots of people
are admired every day!
But not because
they were born that way.
They found a thing
that they loved to do
and learned to do it better
than me or you.”**



**“So what is it special
that I can do?”**

**“No one can answer
that but you.”**





**“You mean like dancing
or singing a song?”**

**Or playing a drum,
or kicking a ball,**

**or making a jar,
or fixing a car,**

**or baking a cake
or finding a star,**

**or surfing a wave
or exploring a cave.**





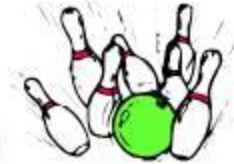
Or training a pet
or building a jet,



or skating on ice
or testing with mice,



or playing a role
or learning to bowl,



or designing a bridge
or climbing a ridge,



or exploring a reef
or raising prize beef.





**“You’re right. There are things I think are fun.
I’m going to get very good at one.
And when people see what I can do,
I may just get very good at two.”**



Something I Love To Do

**I’m going to learn to do something well,
something I love to do.
If you can’t do it as well as me,
then that is just too bad for you.
I’ll work and practice every day,
I’ll do the things I must.
I’ll be getting very good at it
with a little help from some emerald dust.**



Molly decided that very same day. Andy and Shadow went on their way. Andy is happy to be seeing new places, and Molly is happy painting faces.



SHADOW'S TROTTING ALONG SONG



I love to go where Andy goes!
We make a jolly pair.
And if Andy finds he needs a friend,
he knows that I'm always there.



The End



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