

Delaney's Donkey - Val Doonican

Vs 1

C **F** **C**
Now, Delaney had a donkey that everyone admired
G7
Temporarily lazy and permanently tired
C **F** **C**
A leg at every corner balancing his head
C **F** **G7** **C**
And a tail to let you know which end he wanted to be fed.
Am **E7** **Am**
Riley, slyly said "we've underrated it
Am **E7** **Am**
Why not train it?" then they took a rag
C **F** **G7** **C**
They rubbed it, scrubbed it, they oiled and embrocated it
F **C** **G7**
Got it at the post and when the starter dropped the flag:

C **F** **C** **F**
There was Riley pushing it, shoving it, shushing it
C **F** **C** **G7**
Hogan, Logan and everyone in town
C **F** **C**
Lined up attacking it, n'shoving it and smacking it
Am **F** **G** **G7**
They might as well a'tried to push the Town Hall down.
C **F** **C**
The donkey was eyeing them, openly defying them
C **F** **C** **G7**
Winking, blinking and twisting out of place,
C **C7** **F**
Riley reversing it, everybody cursing it
C **F** **G7** **C**
The day Delaney's donkey ran the half mile race.

Vs 2

C **F** **C**
The muscles of the mighty never known to flinch
G7
They couldn't move the donkey a quarter of an inch
C **F** **C**
Delaney lay exhausted hanging 'round his throat
C **F** **G7** **C**
With a grip just like a Scotsman on a five pound note.
Am **E7** **Am**
Starter Carter, he lined it with the rest of 'em
Am **E** **Am**
When it saw them it was willing then
C **F** **G7** **C**
It raced up, braced up, ready for the best of 'em
F **C** **G7**
They started off to cheer it but it changed it's mind again!

C F C F
 There was Riley pushing it, shoving it, shushing it
C F C G7
 Hogan, Logan and Mary-Ann McGrath
C F C
She started poking it and grabbing it and choking it
Am F G G7
 It kicked her in the bustle and it laughed hee-haw!
C F C
 The Whigs and Conservatives, the Radical Superlatives
C F C G7
 Liberals and Tories they hurried to the place
C C7 F
 Stood there in unity, helping the community
C F G7 C
 The day Delaney's donkey ran the half mile race.

Vs 3

C F C
 The crowd began to cheer it and Rafferty the judge
G7
 He came up to assist 'em but still it wouldn't budge
C F C
 And the jockey who was riding it, little John McGee
C F G7 C
 Was so thoroughly disgusted that he went and had his tea!
Am E7 Am
 Hagan, Fagan were students of psychology
Am E7 Am
 Swore they'd shift him with some dynamite
C F G7 C
 They bought it, brought it, and without apology
F C G7
 The donkey gave a sneeze and blew the whole lot outa sight.

C F C F
 There was Riley pushing it, shoving it, shushing it
C F C G7
 Hogan, Logan and all the bally crew
C F C
Police and Auxiliary, the Garrison Artillery
Am F G G7
 The Second Enniskillen's and the Life Guards too.
C F C
 They seized it n'harried it, they picked it up and carried it
C F C G7
 Cheered it, steered it to the winning place.
C C7 F
 Then the bookmaker drew aside, and they all committed suicide (slowly)
C F G7 C
 The day Delaney's donkey won the half mile race!