

MacNamara's Band – Bing Crosby

revised for Joan Strawbridge

#1 G

Oh my name is MacNamara, I'm the leader of a band,

C G A7 A7 D7
Although we're few in number, we're the finest in all the land;

G
Of course I'm the conductor, and I've often had to play

C G A7 A7 D7
With all the fine musicians that you read about today.

► Chorus:

G
Oh...The drums they bang, the cymbals clang, the horns they blaze away

C G A7 A7 D7
McCarthy puffs the ould bassoon, and I the pipes does play.

G
Hennessey Tennessee tootles the flute, the music is something grand,

C G A7 A7 D7
And a credit to ould Ireland's, boys is MacNamara's Band.

Kazoo G D7 D7 G
Da-da-da Daa da da da Daa Da-da-da Daa da da da Daa

G C D7 G
Da-da-da Daa da da da Daa Daa... da-da da-da da-da da-da Daa

#2 G

Whenever an election's on, we play on either side,

C G A7 A7 D7
And the way we play the fine ould airs, fills every heart with pride.

G
If dear Tom Moore was living now, he'd make them understand

C G A7 A7 D7
That none can do him justice, like ould MacNamara's Band.

▲ REPEAT CHORUS:

#3 G

G
We play for fairs or weddings and for every County Ball,

C G A7 A7 D7
And at any great "WOMAN'S" funeral we play "The Dead March in Saul."

G
When General Grant to Ireland came, he shook me by the hand,

C G A7 A7 D7
And said he never heard the like, of ould MacNamara's Band.

▲ REPEAT CHORUS:

#4 G

Just now we are practicing for a very grand affair,

C G A7 A7 D7
It's an annual celebration, all the gentry will be there.

G
The girls and boys will all turn out, with flags and colours grand,

C G A7 A7 D7
And in front of the procession, will be MacNamara's Band.

► OUTRO:

(slowly)
C G A7 A7 G

CHANGE LAST LINE: and in front of the procession, will be Jo-an's favourite Bands.