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[C]Now Delaney had a donkey that [F]every[G7]one a[C]dmired
[C]Tempo'rily lazy and permanently [G]tired
A [C]leg at ev'ry cor[F]ner balan[G7]cing [C]his head
[C]And a [C7]tail to let [F]you know which end he[C] wanted [G7]to be [C]fed
[Am]Riley slyly [E]said "We've unde[Am]rrated it
then he [Am]took a rag
They [C]rubbed it, [F]scrubbed [G]it, they oiled [G7]and em[C]brocated[F] it
Got it to the post and when the [C]starter dropped his [G]flag

[C]There was Riley pushing it, [F]shoving it, shushing it
Hogan, Logan and ev'ryone in [G7]town [C]lined up attacking it
And [Am]shoving it and smacking it
[G]They might as well [A7]have tried to push the [G]Town [D7]Hall [G]down
The [C]donkey was eyeing [F]them, openly defying [C]them
Winking, blinking and twisting out of [G]place
[C]Riley reversing [F]it, ev'rybody cursing it
The [C]day Del[G7]aney's donkey [C]ran [F]the halfmile [C]race

[C]The crowd began to cheer it, then [F]Raff[G7]ert[C]y, the judge
[C]He came to assist them, but still it [G]wouldn't budge
The [C]jockey who was riding, [F]little [G7]John Ma[C]cGee
Was so [C7]thorough[F]ly disgusted that he [C]went to [G7]have his [C]tea
[Am]Hagan, Fagan was [E7]students of [Am]psychology
Swore they'd [E7]shift it with some [Am]dynamite
They [C]bought it, [F]brought it, [G]then wit[G7]hout a[C]pology
The [F]donkey gave a sneeze and blew the [C]darn stuff out of[G] sight

There was [C]Riley pushing [F]it, shoving it and shushing[C] it
[C]Hogan, Logan and all the bally [G7]crew
P'lice, and auxil'ary, the [Am]Garrison Artillery
[G]The Second [A7]Enniskillen's and [G]the Life[D7] Guards [G]too
They [C]seized it and harried [F]it, they picked it up and carried [C]it
Cheered it, steered it to the winn[G]ing place
[C]Then the Bookies drew a[F]side, they all committed suicide
Well, the day Delaney's [G7]donkey won the [C]half[F]mile [C]race