

PARTS: **Soprano** **Alto** **Tenor** **Bass** All

KEY: **bold** = first beat of bar     ▲ = rest     Underline = triplet     backing vocal = [text]

## 197 - MacNamara's Band

### Verse 1

Oh, me **name** is MacNamara, I'm the **leader** of the band

**Although** we're few in numbers, we're the **finest** in the land

We **play** at wakes and weddings and at **every** fancy ball

And **when** we play the funerals, we **play** the March from Saul

### Chorus

Oh, the **drums** go bang and the cymbals clang and the **horns** they blaze away

Mc**Carthy** pumps the old bassoon while **I** the pipes do play

And **Henessee** Tennessee tootles the flute and the **music** is something grand

A **credit** to old I-re-land is **MacNamara's** band

Tra-la-la, la-la la-laaa laaaa

Tra-la la-la la-la la-la la-laaa

Tra-la-la, la-la la-laaa laaaa

Tra-la la-la la-la la-la la-laaa

### Verse 2

Right **now** we are rehearsing for a **very** swell affair

The **ann**-u-al celebration, all the **gentry** will be there

When **Gen**-e-ral Grant to Ireland came he **took** me by the hand

Says **he**, "I never saw the likes of **MacNamara's** Band".

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### Verse 3

Oh, my **name** is Uncle Julius and from **Sweden** I did come

To **play** with MacNamara's Band and **beat** the big bass drum

And **when** I march along the street the **ladies** think I'm grand

They **shout** "There's Uncle Julius playing **with** an Irish band!"

### Verse 4

Oh, I **wear** a bunch of shamrocks and a **uniform** of green

And **I'm** the funniest lookin' Swede that **you** have ever seen

There's O'**Brians**, O'**Ryans**, O'**Sheehans** and Meehans, they **come** from I-re-land

But, by **yimminy**, I'm the only Swede in **MacNamara's** Band

Tra-la-la... etc

**Tag** That's MacNamara

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