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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time – a day to begin to transform into winter's dreams into summer's magic. (Adrienne Cook)

A SPRINKLE OF HUMOUR...

Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck. (Anonymous)

Notice on a Cork building site:

The shovels haven't arrived yet, and until they do, you'll have to lean on each other. (Anonymous)

It is Ireland's sacred duty to send over, every few years, a playwright to save the English theatre from inarticulate glumness. (Kenneth Tynan)

VPE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK...

Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations. (George Bernard Shaw)

THE POETMASTER...

Upon a bank I sat, a child made seer
Of one small primrose flowering in my mind.
Better than wealth it is, I said, to find
One small page of Truth's manuscript made clear.
I looked at Christ transfigured without fear--
The light was very beautiful and kind,
And where the Holy Ghost in flame had signed
I read it through the lenses of a tear.
And then my sight grew dim, I could not see
The primrose that had lighted me to Heaven,
And there was but the shadow of a tree
Ghostly among the stars. The years that pass
Like tired soldiers nevermore have given
Moments to see wonders in the grass.

From the poem *Primrose* by Patrick Kavanagh

WORD FOR THE WEEK...

Equanimity: Aplomb; Serenity; Countenance; Placidity; Composure.

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Recommended Reading.... *Twenty Years A-Growing* by Maurice O' Sullivan

Recommended Listening.... *Song for Ireland* sung by Luke Kelly

Recommended Viewing.... *Into the West* (Film – 1992)

WAXING LYRICAL...

**I remember sixty-two
I was sixteen and so were you
And we lived next door on the avenue**

**Jerry Lee was big and Elvis too
Blue jeans and blue suede shoes
And we never knew what life held in store
We just wanted to rock 'n' roll forever more**

**Excerpt from the lyrics of the song *Rock 'n' Roll Kids* sung by Paul Harrington
And Charlie McGettigan**

A HYMN FOR THE ASKING....

**Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our Isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in the mansions above,**

**On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.
On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,**

**On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.
Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, thy words were once strong
Against Satan's wiles and an infidel throng;
Not less is thy might where in heaven thou art;
O, come to our aid, in our battle take part.**

**On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.**

**In the war against sin, in the fight for the faith,
Dear saint, may thy children resist unto death;
May their strength be in meekness, in penance, their prayer,
Their banner the cross which they glory to bear.**

Excerpt from the hymn *Hail Glorious St. Patrick*

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