

# The Orange And The Green

## Tab Chords And Lyrics

### By Irish Traditional

Intro – D-A-G-D-A7-D-Bm-A-G-D-A-D --- (Ch between ea verse)

Oh it is the biggest mix-up that you have ever seen  
My father he was orange and me mother she was green

Oh my father was an Ulsterman, proud Protestant was he  
Me mother was a Catholic girl, from County Cork came she  
They were married in two churches, lived happily enough  
Until the day that I was born and things got rather tough

Baptized by father Riley, I was rushed away by car  
To be made a little Orangeman, my father's shining star  
I was christened David Anthony, but still in spite of that  
To my father I was William while me mother called me Pat

With mother every Sunday to mass I'd proudly stroll  
Then after that the orange lodge would try to save my soul  
For both sides tried to claim me, but I was smart because  
I played the flute or played the harp, depending where I was

One day me ma's relations came round to visit me  
Just as my father's kinfolk were all sittin' down to tea

Bm A  
We tried to smooth things over, but they all began to fight  
G D A D  
And me being strictly neutral, I bashed everyone in sight

D A  
Now my parents never could agree about my type of school  
G D A D  
My learning was all done at home, that's why I'm such a fool

Bm A  
They both passed on, god rest them, but left me caught between  
G D A D  
That awful color problem of the orange and the green

Ch x 2

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