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Hey Brother!

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Paddy, you know I'm not a man of few words,
But to write you a poem, may to you, seem absurd.
Cos a poet I'm not on any normal occasion,
But today I've decided is a big celebration!

So I've pulled out the stops and decided to write
A lovely wee poem – which might well be shite!
But here goes Paddy boy, just lend me your ears,
I'll be finished dead quick and we'll all have more beers.

Do you remember our youth, its not long ago?
When you thought you'd try weed, you felt high then felt low.
So I carefully BUNGED you into my car,
Till the effects had worn off and you were less under par.

If I'd taken you home in that bloody state,
I'd get the blame and have my head on a plate!
You were always Mum's favourite and now I see why,
But at thirteen years old, you were too young to be high!

At just seventeen you started to drive,
At least that's what you called it, I'm surprised you're alive.
I'm so glad you abandoned your bloody car
And exchanged it for pedals - you're safer by far.

And while you're up mountains pedalling away,
D'you remember our childhood and the games that we played?
It's hard to believe we were great Star Wars freaks,
But your Han Solo no more, because a bride you did seek.

And at last in your Emma you found Princess Leia,
She's a beautiful girl - I wish the whole world could – 'see her'!
You can see that today I'm not wearing your clothes,
Like I used to before, specially ones that Mum chose.

I would wear them while boozing and going out on the town,
And the juice from kebabs would dye them all brown.
Och well what's the point in ruining MY GEAR?
When I could nick my wee Paddy's, cheers brother dear!

He met lovely Emma a long time ago,
Then decided right then to become Emma's beau.
They're sex mad by the way, they're always at it like rabbits,
But they've two lovely girls - why break an old habit?

So keep going you two lovers - keep love as your quest,
As today I wish both of you all of the best.
Basically Paddy my dearest wee brother,
There's a big endless road for you both to discover.
And if the sky ever falls down on you,
You know there's nothing in this world I wouldn't do.