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Alimony

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We called in Alimony

Not in the sense of food, but in the sense of love. We didn't have much. That's what people say, we didn't have much. And people think you mean, money, possessions, stuff, a house, a car, a job.

But we had it all, enough love to go round. For everyone. And there were a lot of us. Irish Catholics. People joke about that of course, but it's not all Angela's Ashes. We had nourishment, sustenance, call it what you will.

The trouble is, a happy childhood don't give you much to write about. Frank McCourt wouldn't have made it would he? Had he had a great old time, happy families and all that.

We had all the alimony we needed, you could say, growing up. But what else is there is say

I will just tell you this, its not all Angela's Ashes you know.