



Sister Patsy crocheting for the missions in 2022...

Lyrics below for **“A Bright Ray of Sunlight ...”**

Written by Sister Patricia Tracey in her own simple way when she was in Novitiate over 55 years ago.

She wrote it to celebrate the anniversary of the arrival of our first Sisters in Newfoundland from Ireland in 1833.



Audio Transcript:

Here we have Sister Patricia Tracy at our Motherhouse, Presentation Sisters’ Motherhouse in St. John’s, Newfoundland, singing a variation on a song that she wrote the words for ...

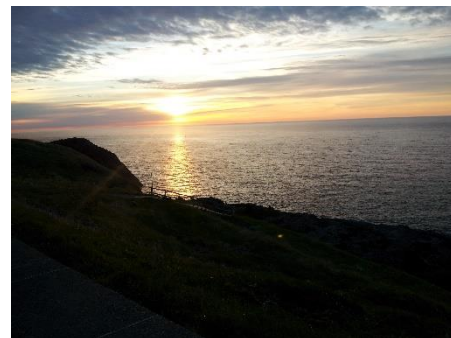
The melody, (“The Rose of Tralee”) you’ll remember. The story is a little bit about our beginnings here in Newfoundland. Thank you so very much, Patsy. Here you go. You can start right now...

**A bright ray of sunlight appeared in old Ireland
although persecution invaded the land.
For Nano remembered her dear Irish people
and so she returned to her own native land.**

**She strove to bring Christ to the poor Irish children
and nor did she flinch ‘neath the cruel penal laws.
Ah no, but instead she drew others around her
and founded an order of Sisters for Him.**

**There arrived on our coast a small band of Sisters
striving to bring Christ to the Newfoundland shores.
By ----- the care of the children of Ireland
With special concern for the needs of the poor.**

**And so on this day so dear to us all
We, the Sisters, give thanks to our God
for making us part of this dear Congregation
We love one another as oft we have done.**



“Thank you so very much, Patsy. “

“It’s a long time since I sang that, you know”.

“It is indeed a long time since you sang that, and you got every word from memory. That’s absolutely wonderful. What a treasure to have on a recording. “

” Would be nice though to have a copy of it and Sisters could get together and sing it together.

“Lovely! Let’s see what we can do about sharing this. I thank you so very much. God bless you.

I am sure Sharon would love to hear it, too.”

“OK. I m going to turn this off now.”