

Eirata

after Paul Muldoon

for "Armagh" read "Armani"
 for "brat" read "Brut"
 for "Carmelite" read "Camel Light"
 for "Dáil" read "doll"
 for "exiles" read "X-files"
 for "faction" read "fiction"
 for "Georgian" read "Georgics"
 for "hallowed" read "hollowed"
 for "island" read "inland"
 for "jarvey" read "Charvé"
 for "Kerry" read "curry"
 for "Ludo" read "Lotto"
 for "Mallow" read "mellow"
 for "novena" read "novella"
 for "Ógra" read "Oprah"
 for "parish" read "perish"
 for "Quoof" read "quiff"
 for "rosary" read "Rotary"
 for "sacred" read "scared"
 for "traitor" read "trattoria"
 for "Ulster" read "Hustler"
 for "virtuous" read "virtual"
 for "widows" read "Windows"
 for "X-rated" read "X-rayed"
 for "yawp" read "yob"
 for "zed" read "zee"

City Love

You look into your true love's eye
to see what terms & conditions apply

Although your offer of love is rejected
your statutory rights are not affected

The sweetest love is anticipating
the customer knows a call is waiting

Your call, more lovely than the linnet,
is charged at fifty-eight pence per minute

Counting the cost of true love's obsession
failure to meet repayments can mean repossession

How many I-love-you departures before you learn
past performance is no guarantee of future return?