

For John Nerbonne

(melody: Jamaica Farwell)

Chorus:

John Nerbonne is on his way
We celebrate his final day
A little down that he won't turn around
He's gonna spend his days in Freiburg town

He had learned some German and learned some Dutch
He did not see the difference very much
For an Irish American it is no crime
To speak Nerbonean most of the time

He had a name, he had some fame
But we did not know that when he came
He'd turn the department into a factory
Every three months a new Ph.D

For years and years the department was small
Almost the smallest of them all
But after thirty years, the numbers have grown
Now we could survive on our own

Once he decided that he would be
The CEO of all the ICT
The very last minute he changed his mind
He could not leave all of us behind

How do you replace a giant like that
That was the problem that our dean had
She found a solution, knew what to do
We don't take one, we will take two

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