

The Ballad Of Funzy

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1) On the day of August second
In the year 1919
Came Alfonso, known as Funzy,
Son of Nick and Bernadine.
He started off quite sickly
He started off quite sweet
But he soon grew up to terrorize
The folks of Eagle Street.

2) Well he wasn't much for learnin'
The nuns will tell you so
The second year of high school
Was as far as he would go.
He wound up at Lorenzo's
The restaurant life his trade
That's where he met Theresa
And history was made.



3) Now Funzy joined the service
As called upon to do.
He fought in Patton's army
In World War number II.
Paolini, Mussolini
It's really hard to know
If you're fighting with your friends
Or you're marching with your foes.

4) Now Funz was getting lonely
Heck, a fellow feels that way
When he's fighting for his country
Every single goddamned day.
He was pining for his mother
He was missing Buffalo
Then he fell into a foxhole
And he met gombadda Joe.



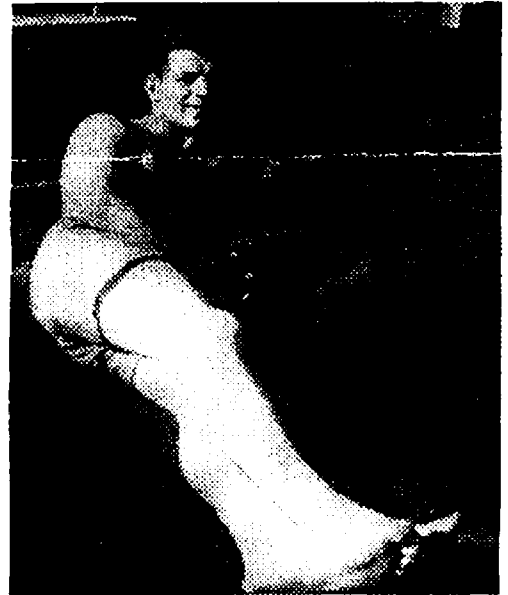
5) Well now he has been discharged
And he's coming home to stay
He hitched that babe Theresa
On a cold thanksgiving day.
He fainted at his wedding
He fell right on his ass
While his mother in law was screaming
'Everybody, stop'a' the mass!"

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6) He was starting on his family
Mary, Hope, Joanne, Francine
And then he hollered, "Theresa,
We need fellas on this team."
Then out popped Mike and Peter
And we're awfully glad they came
'Cause time was running out
On the Paolini name.

7) Now Funzy and Theresa
Always seem to disagree
On matters of the household
He is Simon of LeGree.
Now sometimes Theresa's treasures
Somehow land in Funzy's trash
So you'll find her picking garbage
And replenishing her stash.

8) Now Funzy's sure that someday
When he passes from the scene
He deserves a proper burial
A funeral, serene.
But he warns us, check the basement
And all points in between
'Cause he's sure we'll find him rotting
On a shelf in the gondine.



9) Now you have reached your twilight years
With energy to spare
You're pretty goshdarn active
For a guy who has no hair.
So, I cannot end this song
For I know it would be wrong
Like the Energizer™ bunny
You go on and on and on...

