1. Oh, my name is McNama-ra,  
F C C7 F G7 C7  
I'm the leader of the band 
C7 F G7 C7  
And though we're few in number we're the finest in the land 
F G7 C7 F  
We play at wakes and weddings and at ev'ry fancy ball 
C7 F G7 C7 F  
But when we play at fun-e-rals, we play the best of all 
F G7 C7 F  

2. The drums go Bang and the cymbals clang, and the horns they blaze away 
C7 F G7 C7  
Mc Carthy puffs the old bassoon while I the pipes do play 
F G7 C7 F  
Hennessy Yennessy toodles the flute. The music is something grand 
C7 F G7 C7 F  
A credit to old Ire-land is McNama-ra's Band  

CHORUS 

F C x x x  
La la la laaaa Boom Boom La la la laaaa Boom Boom  
C C x C x  
La la la laaaa Boom Boom La la la laaaa aaaah  
F x x F C  
La la la laaaa Boom Boom La la la laaaa aaaah  
F G7 C7 F  
A credit to old Ire-land is McNama-ra's Band.  

3. When-ever an e-lec-tion's on we play on either side 
C7 F G7 C7  
And the way we play the fine old airs fills ev'ry heart with pride 
F G7 C7 F  
If dear Tom Moore was living now he'd make them understand 
C7 F G7 C7 F  
That none can do him jus-tice like McNama-ra's Band  

CHORUS 

F  

4. Right now we are rehearsing for a very grand af-fair 
C7 F G7 C7  
It's an annual cele-bration all the gen-try will be there 
F G7 C7 F  
The girls and boys will all turn out with flags and colors grand 
C7 F G7 C7 F  
And in front of the pro-cession will be McNama-ra's Band  

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5. Of course I’m the con- ductor and I’ve often had to play
   C7       F       .
   F       G7       C7
With all the fine mu-sicians that you read about today
   F       C7       F
When Gen-e-ral Grant to Ireland came He shook me by the hand
   C7       F       C7       F
And said he never heard the like of McNa-mara’s Band  CHORUS
   F       F       F       F

6. My name is Uncle Yul-ius and from Sweden I have come
   C7       F       G7       C7
To play in McNa-mara’s Band and bang the big bass drum
   F       F       C7       F
As we go marching down the street, the ladies think it’s grand
   C7       F       C7       F
They say “I’ve never seen a Swede in McNa-mara’s Band”  CHORUS
   F       F       F       F

7. I wear a bunch of shamrocks and a uni-form of green
   C7       F       G7       C7
“Hey, I’m the funniest-looking Swede that you have ever seen
   F       F       C7       F
There’s Ryans, O’Brians, and Sheehans and Meehans; they come from Ire-land
   C7       C7       C7       F
But by Yiminy, I’m the only Swede in McNa-mara’s Band”  CHORUS

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Several possible chord combinations in various keys:

    F  C7  G7

    G  D7  A7

    C  G7  D7

    D  A7  E7

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