

## Easter Holidays 2016

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How strange to be thought a tourist, in another part  
of my island. From the Doll on the Ball to Tone Henge,  
I crossed a border, unrecognised by many. Six counties  
that were parted with, like a corner snapped off  
a centenary chocolate bar. Socialist ideals of  
one hundred years ago consumed by a Celtic tiger.

I took an excursion, donned a horned helmet pretending  
to be a Viking invader; I went from land to sea;  
along the Grand Canal I #liked my friends at Facebook  
HQ. And in this digital world of selfies and hashtags,  
Google responded with an anniversary tour:  
a street view of then and now, who and how.

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