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# Confraternity Campaign

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Sermonizing to a hushed congregation  
Of God-fearing men  
On the dangers of close dancing,  
Evil literature and cinema necking,

The Spiritual Director  
Declared from his pulpit  
That young people were being  
Deliberately provocative,

Outrageously suggestive  
On the dance-floors of the City,  
That 20% of Limerick's population  
Had read Lady Chatterly's Lover.

And would burn in hell for it,  
That picture-houses were  
Dens of iniquity  
Because of inadequate supervision.

Vigilante patrols were formed  
To separate passionate dancers,  
Scrutinise publication lists,  
Root out courting couples

With flash-lamps,  
That was in nineteen-sixty-three  
And things have changed since then,  
The Spiritual Director

Quit the priesthood,  
Leaving behind  
A diminishing congregation  
Of disillusioned men.

