### Wild Geese | by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain are moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees, the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

**PUB CLASSICS** 

**BAR SNACKS** 

#### Jamón croquettes with garlic aioli \$19 Beef and ale pie with pomme \$34 (gf)puree, green peas and gravy Scotch egg, truffle mayonnaise \$19 Irish pork sausages with pomme \$34 and herb salad puree, buttered greens, crispy onions and red wine jus (gf) Fried buttermilk chicken tenders \$24 with Irish spice mix & sour cream Classic beef burger, Irish \$30 cheddar, pickles, tomato relish Cabbage, bacon and black \$19 and chips pudding spring roll with tomato chutney Spiced chicken burger with gem \$30 lettuce, chipotle mayo and chips \$22 Grilled chorizo sausage with roasted apple puree, Guinness \$34 Chicken Cotoletta with chips, glaze and crispy onions gravy, slaw and lemon House made focaccia bread with \$15 Grilled steak ciabatta, rocket, \$30 aged balsamic and olive oil pickles, mustard, horseradish aioli and chips \$32 Char grilled gammon steak with IRISH FLATBREADS (Pizza) herb crushed potato, white sauce, parsley Verde and braised Classic Margherita (veg) \$20 cabbage Wild Geese hot and spicy, Nduja \$23 Beer battered fillet of fish with \$32 and salami, pickled chilli mushy peas, balsamic vinegar, chips, tartare sauce (\*a) Cabbage, bacon, potato and Irish \$23 cheddar Cottage pie, braised beef, thyme \$34 and honey roasted carrots and Garlic, chive and four cheese \$23 sprout slaw (qf) Braised mushrooms, truffle, \$23 \$30 Wild Geese Caesar salad, confit thyme and smoked mozzarella chicken with baby cos, bacon, (veg) croutons, parmesan, soft boiled egg and anchovies (gf avail)

**BISTRO FAVOURITES Mains** 

**BISTRO FAVOURITES Entrees** 

#### Pan seared scallops with \$28 Ballantine of chicken, foie gras \$44 romesco sauce, charred corn, mouse, pomme puree, shitake sobrassada and pickled fennel mushrooms, broccolini, tarragon salad (\*i) truffle cream and chicken skin (gf)Pumpkin, leek and goats cheese \$26 tartlet with beetroot puree and Pan fried Wimmera duck breast, \$46 crispy vegetable salad (gf) (veg) sweet potato fondant, braised red cabbage, duck croquette, Seared swordfish, avocado, \$28 blackberries and mandarin jus (gf pomegranate, watermelon radish, avail) finger lime, green chilli and croutons (\*a) (gf avail) Herb crusted lamb rump with \$44 eggplant fritter, potato, lardons, Confit duck leg with braised puy \$28 grilled cos, rosemary and tomato lentils, tomato and lardons (gf) jus \$24 Roast chicken, spring vegetables and barley broth with ciabatta Char grilled Wanderer Striploin \$50 and butter 220gm steak served with pont neuf, roast mushroom, onion rings (choice of sauces whiskey, red wine jus or garlic herb butter) SIDES (gf)Crispy duck fat potatoes with \$14 Otway pork cutlet, roasted \$44 black garlic aioli & rosemary (gf) cauliflower, quince, pomme puree and apple cider reduction Wild rocket salad with parmesan \$14 (qf)and pear (veg/gf) Slow cooked beef cheeks, \$42 \$14 Roasted beetroot salad with goat colcannon, roast root vegetables, curd, walnuts and sorrel (veg/gf) broad beans, salsa verde and \$14 garlic crumbs (gf available) Pan roasted Brussel sprouts, bacon and Guinness glaze Beetroot risotto with pickled baby \$38 Pomme puree (gf) \$14 beets, goats curd, pumpkin, walnuts and crispy kale (veg/gf) \$12 Chips with aioli (gf) (curry and other sauce +\$4) Market Fish of the Day – please ask our staff for today's special

#### **DESSERTS**

Guinness and dark sherry poached pear, chocolate mouse and cherry syrup (gf)	\$19
Sticky date pudding, butterscotch sauce, whisky and prune ice cream	\$19
Vanilla cheesecake with raspberry ice cream and caramelized white chocolate	\$19
Vanilla Crème Brûlée with fresh strawberries and mint (gf)	\$19
Tiramisu	\$19
Selection of Irish and Australian cheese with quince, lavosh, walnuts and grissini	\$24

#### THE FLIGHT OF THE WILD GEESE

The Flight of the Wild Geese marked the departure of an Irish army, commanded by Patrick Sarsfield, from Ireland to France. This departure was in accordance with the terms outlined in the Treaty of Limerick on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1691, which concluded the Williamite War in Ireland.

In broader historical context, the term "Wild Geese" refers to Irish soldiers who chose to serve in continental European armies during the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.

Today, the metaphorical usage of "Wild Geese" extends to Irish emigrants. This interpretation can be observed, for instance, in the Irish Times, where a recurring section titled "Wild Geese" features stories of Irish individuals living and working abroad, sharing their experiences.