

## Viva La Quinta Brigada

Around the time I saw the light of morning  
A comradeship of heroes was laid  
From every corner of the world came sailing  
The Fifty International Brigade.

They came to stand beside the Spanish people  
To try and stem the rising fascist tide  
Franco's allies were the powerful and wealthy  
Frank Ryan's men came from the other side.

Even the olives were bleeding  
As the battle for Madrid it thundered on  
Truth and love against the force of evil  
Brotherhood against the fascist clan.

Chorus:

Viva la Quinta Brigada,  
No Pasaran, the pledge that made them fight  
Adelante was the cry around the hillside  
Let us all remember them tonight.

Bob Hilliard was a Church of Ireland pastor  
From Killarney across the Pyrenees he came  
From Derry came a brave young Christian Brother  
And side by side they fought and died in Spain.

Tommy Woods age seventeen died in Cordoba  
With Na Fianna he learned to hold his gun  
From Dublin to the Villa del Rio  
He fought and died beneath the Spanish sun.

(Chorus)

Many Irishmen heard the call of Franco  
Joined Hitler and Mussolini too  
Propaganda from the pulpit and newspapers  
Helped O'Duffy to enlist his crew.

The call came from Maynooth, "support the fascists"  
The men of cloth had failed yet again  
When the Bishops blessed the Blueshirts in Dun Laoghaire  
As they sailed beneath the swastika to Spain.

(Chorus)

This song is a tribute to Frank Ryan  
Kit Conway and Dinny Coady too  
Peter Daly, Charlie Regan and Hugh Bonar  
Though many died I can but name a few.

Danny Boyle, Blaser-Brown and Charlie Donnelly  
Liam Tumilson and Jim Straney from the Falls  
Jack Nalty, Tommy Patton and Frank Conroy  
Jim Foley, Tony Fox and Dick O'Neill.  
(Chorus repeated)