

Irish Song Lyrics

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Padraic Pearse
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In Dublin town in 1916 a flame of freedom did arise
A group of men with determination caught an empire by surprise
Through the streets our men were marching they rallied with their hopes and fears
And at the end a boy came searching for their leader Padraic Pearse

The poet and the Irish Rebel, a Gaelic scholar and a visionary
We gave to him no fighting tribute when Ireland's at peace only that can be
When Ireland's a nation united and free

On Easter morn he faced the nation from the steps of the GPO
And read aloud the proclamation the seed of nationhood to show
But soon the word had spread to London of an insurrection there at hand
And the deeds of Padraic Pearse was set about to free his land

For 5 long days the battle raged for 5 long nights the battle wore
We would watch Dublin City blaze and see our men fall to the floor
Now Ireland's proud of her effort for her cause we fought with pride
But to save more life and to save our city, we make our peace with Mc Fainis (...)

Kilmainham Jail in 1916 they brought young Pearse to his death cell
And they tried him as a traitor to shoot this man who dared to rebel
He only tried to free his country of the shackles of 800 years
When dawn did break on that May morning they shot our Leader Padraic Pearse