

Wolfe Tones

"Padraic Pearse"

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In Dublin town in nineteen sixteen 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 the Enda boys came searching for their leader
Padraig Pearse.

Chorus:

The poet and the Irish rebel a Gaelic scholar and a
visionary

We gave to him no fitting tribute

When Ireland's at peace only that can be

When Ireland a nation, united and free.

On Easter morn he faced the nation from the steps of
the G.P.O.

And read aloud the proclamation, the seed of
nationhood to sow.

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.

Chorus ...

For five long days the battle rages, for five long nights

the battle wore

We will watch as Dublin City blazes and see our men
fall through the floor

No 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 McFainis cried.

Chorus ...

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.

Chorus ...

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