

## Padraic Pearse

### The Wolfe Tones

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 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  
Mac Piarais 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 Padraig Pearse

Chorus ...