

The BOYS of the OLD BRIGADE

"OH FATHER - WHY ARE YOU SO SAD
ON THIS BRIGHT EASTER MORN?
WHEN IRISHMEN ARE PROUD AND GLAD
OF THE LAND WHERE THEY WERE BORN? "
"OH SON, I SEE IN MEM'RY'S VIEW
A FAR OFF DISTANT DAY
WHEN BEING JUST A LAD LIKE YOU
I JOINED THE IRA! "

***WHERE ARE THE LADS WHO STOOD WITH ME
WHEN HISTORY WAS MADE?
OH GRÁ MO CHROI, I LONG TO SEE
THE BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE!***

"IN HILLS AND FARMS THE CALL TO ARMS
WAS HEARD BY ONE AND ALL,
AND FROM THE GLENS
CAME BRAVE YOUNG MEN
TO ANSWER IRELAND'S CALL
'T WAS LONG AGO WE FACED THE FOE,
THE OLD BRIGADE AND ME
BUT BY MY SIDE THEY FOUGHT AND DIED
THAT IRELAND MIGHT BE FREE!

"AND NOW, MY BOY, I'VE TOLD YOU WHY
ON EASTER MORN I SIGH
FOR I RECALL MY COMRADES ALL
FROM DARK OLD DAYS GONE BY -
I THINK OF MEN WHO FOUGHT IN GLENS
WITH RIFLES AND GRENADE
MAY HEAVEN KEEP THE MEN WHO SLEEP
FROM THE RANKS OF THE OLD BRIGADE!"