

KEVIN BARRY

**IN MOUNTJOY JAIL ONE MONDAY MORNING
HIGH UPON THE GALLOWS TREE
KEVIN BARRY GAVE HIS YOUNG LIFE
FOR THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY:
JUST A LAD OF EIGHTEEN SUMMERS
AND YET NO ONE CAN DENY
AS HE WALKED TO DEATH THAT MORNING
HE PROUDLY KEPT HIS HEAD UP HIGH!**

**JUST BEFORE HE FACED THE HANGMAN
IN HIS DREARY PRISON CELL
BRITISH SOLDIERS TORTURED BARRY
JUST BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT TELL
THE NAMES OF HIS COMPANIONS
AND OTHER THINGS THEY WISHED TO KNOW
"TURN INFORMER OR WE'LL KILL YOU!"
KEVIN BARRY ANSWERED "NO!"**

**CALMLY STANDING TO ATTENTION
WHILE HE BADE HIS LAST FAREWELL
TO HIS BROKEN-HEARTED MOTHER
WHOSE SAD GRIEF NO ONE COULD TELL
FOR THE CAUSE HE PROUDLY CHERISHED
THIS SAD PARTING HAD TO BE
THEN TO DEATH WALKED, SOFTLY SMILING
THAT OLD IRELAND MIGHT BE FREE!**

**ANOTHER MARTYR FOR OLD IRELAND
ANOTHER MURDER FOR THE CROWN
WHOSE BRUTAL LAWS MAY KILL THE IRISH
BUT CANNOT KEEP THEIR SPIRITS DOWN
LADS LIKE BARRY ARE NO COWARDS
FROM THE FOE THEY WILL NOT FLY
LADS LIKE BARRY WILL FREE IRELAND
FOR HER SAKE THEY'LL LIVE AND DIE!**