The Foggy Dew

As down the glen one Easter morn
To a city fair rode I
There armed lines of marching men
In squadrons passed me by
No fife did hum, no battle drum
Did sound its loud tattoo
But the Angelus bell o'er the Liffey's swell
Rang out through the foggy dew

Right proudly high over Dublin town
They hung out the flag of war
'Twas better to die 'neath an Irish sky
Than at Sulva or Sud El Bar
And from the plains of Royal Meath
Strong men came hurrying through
While Britannia's Huns with their long-range
guns
Sailed in through the foggy dew

'Twas England bade our wild geese go
That small nations might be free
But their lonely graves are by Suvla's waves
Or the shore of the Great North Sea
Oh, had they died by Pearse's side
Or fought with Cathal Brugha
Their names we will keep where the fenians
sleep
'Neath the shroud of the force dew

'Neath the shroud of the foggy dew

But the bravest fell, and the solemn bell Rang mournfully and clear For those who died that Eastertide In the springing of the year And the world did gaze, in deep amaze At those fearless men, but few Who bore the fight that freedom's light Might shine through the foggy dew

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