The Foggy Dew

The Chieftains

I was down the glen one Easter morn To a city fair rode I There armed lines of marching men In squadrons passed me byNo pipe did hum No battle drum did sound its loud tattoo But the Angelus Bells o'er the Liffey swells Rang out in the foggy dewRight proudly high in Dublin town Hung they out a flag of war 'Twas better to die 'neath that Irish sky Than at Sulva or Sud el Bar And from the plains of Royal Meath Strong men came hurrying through While Brittania's Huns with their long range guns Sailed in through the foggy dewTheir bravest fell and the requiem bell Rang mournfully and clear For those who died that Eastertide in the Springing of the yearWhile the world did gaze with deep amaze At those fearless men but few Who bore the fight that freedom's light Might shine through the foggy dewAnd back through the glen, I rode again And my heart with grief was sore For I parted then with valiant men Whom I never shall see n'more But to and fro in my dreams I go And I kneel and pray for you For slavery fled the glorious dead When you fell in the foggy dew

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