**The Foggy Dew (Easter Rebellion Song)**

**Father P. O’Neill**

Am G Em Am Dm Em Am

As down the glen one Easter morn to a city fair rode I

F Dm G Em Am Dm Em Am  
There Armed lines of marching men in squadrons passed me by

C G C F  
No pipe did hum, no battle drum did sound its loud [tattoo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_tattoo)

Am G Em Am Dm Em Am  
But the [Angelus Bell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angelus_Bell) o'er the [Liffey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Liffey)'s swell rang out in 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 [Suvla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suvla) or [Sud-El-Bar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sedd_el_Bahr)  
And from the plains of [Royal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Irish_county_nicknames) [Meath](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_Meath) strong men came hurrying through  
While Britannia's [Huns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_terms_used_for_Germans#Hun), with their long range guns sailed in through the foggy dew

Oh the night fell black, and the rifles' crack made [perfidious Albion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perfidious_Albion) reel  
In the leaden rain, seven tongues of flame did shine o'er the lines of steel  
By each shining blade a prayer was said, that to Ireland her sons be true  
But when morning broke, still the war flag shook out its folds in the foggy dew

'Twas England bade our [wild geese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight_of_the_Wild_Geese) go, that "small nations might be free";  
Their lonely graves are by [Suvla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suvla)'s waves or the fringe of the great [North Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Sea).  
Oh, had they died by [Pearse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Pearse)'s side or fought with [Cathal Brugha](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cathal_Brugha)\*  
Their graves we'd keep where the [Fenians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenian) sleep, 'neath the shroud of the foggy dew.

Oh the bravest fell, and the [Requiem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Requiem) bell rang mournfully and clear  
For those who died [that Eastertide](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Rising) in the spring time of the year  
While 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 dew

As 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 more  
But to and fro in my dreams I go and I kneel and pray for you,  
For slavery fled, O glorious dead, when you fell in the foggy dew.