

Viva La Quinta Brigada  
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(intro) F G Am F G C F G Am

          C                  G                  C  
Ten years before I saw the light of morning,  
          C                                  F  
a comradeship of heroes was laid,  
          F                                  G  
from every corner of the world came sailing  
          G                  G7                  C  
the Fifth International Brigade.

          G                                  C  
They came to stand beside the Spanish people,  
          C                                  F  
to try and stem the rising fascist tide,  
          F                                  G  
Franco s allies were the powerful and wealthy,  
          G                          G7                  C  
Frank Ryan s men came from the other side.

          G                                  C  
Even the olives were bleeding,  
          C                                  F  
as the battle for Madrid it thundered on,  
          F                                  G  
truth and love against the force of evil,  
          G                  G7                  C  
brotherhood against the fascist clan.

F  
Viva la Quinta Brigada,  
          F                                  G                  C  
No Pasaran , the pledge that made them fight.  
          C                  Em                  Am  
Adelante is the cry around the hillside,  
          F                  G                  C  
let us all remember them tonight.

          C                                  G                  C  
Bob Hilliard was a Church of Ireland pastor,  
          C                                  F  
form Killarney across the Pyrenees he came,  
          F                                  G  
from Derry came a brave young Christian Brother,  
          G                          G7                  C  
side by side they fought and died in Spain.

**G** **C**  
 Tommy Woods aged seventeen died in Cordoba,  
**C** **F**  
 with Na Fianna he learned to hold his gun,  
**F** **G**  
 from Dublin to the Villa del Rio,  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 where he fought and died beneath the blazing sun.

**F**  
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**F** **G** **C**  
 No Pasaran , the pledge that made them fight.  
**C** **Em** **Am**  
 Adelante is the cry around the hillside,  
**F** **G** **C**  
 let us all remember them tonight.

**C** **G** **C**  
 Many Irishmen heard the call of Franco,  
**C** **F**  
 joined Hitler and Mussolini, too.  
**F** **G**  
 Propaganda from the pulpit and newspapers,  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 helped O Duffy to enlist his crew.

**G** **C**  
 The word came from Maynooth, Dupport the Nazis!  
**C** **F**  
 The men of cloth failed again.  
**F** **G**  
 When the Bishops blessed the Blueshirts in Dun Laoghaire,  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 as they sailed beneath the swastika to Spain.

**F**  
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**C** **Em** **Am**  
 Adelante is the cry around the hillside,  
**F** **G** **C**  
 let us all remember them tonight.

**C** **G** **C**  
 This song is a tribute to Frank Ryan,  
**C** **F**  
 Kit Conway and Dinny Coady, too,  
**F** **G**  
 Peter Daly, Charlie Regan and Hugh Bonar,  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 though many died, I can but name a few.

**G** **C**  
 Danny Boyle, Blaser-Brown and Charlie Donnelly,  
**C** **F**  
 Liam Tumilson and Jim Straney from the Falls,  
**F** **G**  
 Jack Nalty, Tommy Patton and Frank Conroy,  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 Jim Foley, Tony Fox and Dick O Neill.

**F**  
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**F** **G** **Am**  
 let us all remember them tonight.

**F** **G** **C** **F** **G** **Am**  
 Viva la Quinta Brigada, viva la Quinta Brigada.

( **F G C F G Am** ) (4x)