

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
 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**
 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.

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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.

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 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)