

## Kevin Barry

G  
In Mountjoy jail one morning,  
D  
High above the gallows tree,  
C D  
Kevin Barry gave his young life  
D7 G  
For the cause of liberty.  
G  
Just a lad of eighteen summers  
D  
Yet there's no one can deny  
C D  
As he marched to death that morning,  
D7 G  
He proudly held his head on high.

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Shoot me like an Irish soldier.  
Do not hang me like a dog,  
For I fought to free old Ireland  
On that still September morn.  
All around the little bakery  
Where we fought them hand to hand,  
Shoot me like an Irish soldier,  
For I fought to free Ireland.

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Just before he faced the hangman  
In his dreary prison cell,  
British soldiers tortured Barry  
Because he would not tell  
The names of his brave comrades  
And other things they wished to know,  
"Turn informer and we'll kill you."  
Kevin Barry answered "No".

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Calmly standing to attention  
While he bade his last farewell  
To his broken-hearted mother  
Whose sad grief no-one can tell.  
For the cause he proudly cherished,  
This sad parting had to be  
Then to death he walked softly  
Smiling that old Ireland might be free.

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Another martyr for old Ireland,  
Another murder for the crown,  
Whose brutal laws may kill the Irish,  
But can't keep their spirits down.  
Lads like Barry are no cowards,  
For the cause they will not lie  
Lads like Barry will free Ireland,  
For her sake we'll live and die.

The lyrics to Kevin Barry tell how this 18 year old Irish volunteer was executed during the Irish War of Independence.

Kevin Barry was born in Dublin on 20th Jan. 1902. This song recounts his death. He was a member of the Irish Republican Army.

He was hanged on 1st November 1920 - he was 18 year old.

The melody is taken from the traditional song, Rolling Home to Ireland, but it's not known who wrote the lyrics.

The chords are presented here in the key of G Major. Use our key converter if you need to change the chords to a key that suits your voice better.

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