

LEGION OF THE REARGUARD

G **D7**
Up the Republic, they raise their battle cry
C **G** **A** **D7**
Pearse and McDermott will pray for you on high
G **D7**
Eager and ready, for love of you they die
C **G** **D7** **G**
Proud march the Soldiers of the Rearguard

Chorus:

G **D7** **G** **C** **G**
Legion of the rearguard, answering Ireland's call
C **G** **A** **D7**
Hark, the marshal tramp is heard from Cork to Donegal
G **D7** **G** **C** **G**
Wolfe Tone and Emmett guide you, though your task be hard
C **G** **D7** **G**
DeValera leads you, Soldiers of the Legion of the Rearguard

Glorious the morning through flame and shot and shell
Now, rally Ireland, your sons who love you well
Pledged they'll defend you, though death or prison cell
Wait for the Soldiers of the Rearguard

Crimson the roadside, the prison walls, the cave
Proof of their valor, go sleep in peace ye brave
Comrades tread lightly, you're near a hero's grave
Proud die the Soldiers of the Rearguard

Shell shattered fortress and shot scarred brigade
Trumpet the story of the glorious fight they made
Wearied, outnumbered, undaunted, unafraid
God bless the Soldiers of the Rearguard