

# Christy Moore, Vive La Quinte Brigada

Ten years before I saw the light of morning  
A comradeship of heroes was laid  
From every corner of the world came sailing  
The Fifth International Brigade

They came to stand beside the Spanish people  
To try and stem the rising fascist tide  
Franco's allies were the powerful and wealthy  
Frank Ryan's men came from the other side

Even the olives were bleeding  
As the battle for Madrid it thundered on  
Truth and love against the force of evil  
Brotherhood against the fascist clan

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"No Pasaran", the pledge that made them fight  
"Adelante" is the cry around the hillside  
Let us all remember them tonight

Bob Hilliard was a Church of Ireland pastor  
From Killarney across the Pyrenees he came  
From Derry came a brave young Christian Brother  
Side by side they fought and died in Spain

Tommy Woods age seventeen died in Cordoba  
With Na Fianna he learned to hold his gun  
From Dublin to the Villa del Rio  
Where he fought and died beneath the blazing sun

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Many Irishmen heard the call of Franco  
Joined Hitler and Mussolini too  
Propaganda from the pulpit and newspapers  
Helped O'Duffy to enlist his crew

The word came from Maynooth, "support the Nazis"  
The men of cloth failed again  
When the Bishops blessed the Blueshirts in Dun Laoghaire  
As they sailed beneath the swastika to Spain

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This song is a tribute to Frank Ryan  
Kit Conway and Dinny Coady too  
Peter Daly, Charlie Regan and Hugh Bonar  
Though many died I can but name a few

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

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