

Grace

As we gather in the chapel here in Old Kilmainham Jail,
I think about these past few days, oh will they say we've failed?
From our schooldays they have told us we must yearn for liberty,
Yet all I want in this dark place is to have you here with me.

Chorus:

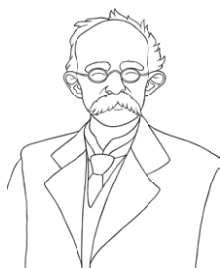
*Oh Grace just hold me in your arms and let this moment linger,
They'll take me out at dawn and I will die.
With all my love I place this wedding ring upon your finger,
There won't be time to share our love for we must say goodbye.*

Now I know it's hard for you my love to ever understand,
The love I bear for these brave men, my love for this dear land.
But when Pádraig called me to his side down in the GPO,
I had to leave my own sick bed, to him I had to go.

Chorus

Now as the dawn is breaking, my heart is breaking too,
On this May morn as I walk out, my thoughts will be of you,
& I'll write some words upon the wall so everyone will know,
I love so much that I could see his blood upon the rose.

Chorus



Joseph Plunkett

1. Where were Grace Gifford and Joseph Plunkett married?

2. Who called Plunkett to partake in the Rising?

3. Where was Plunkett stationed during the Rising?

4. What was his ultimate fate?

5. Explain the line: 'I think about these past few days, oh will they say we've failed?'



Joseph Plunkett's Diary Entry

1916 Easter Rising

Diary Entry

Imagine you are Joseph Plunkett. You are writing in your journal on the morning of your execution. Your thoughts are with Grace who you have just married.

