



THE MASSACRE OF
Five Catholic Clergymen,

By the Sepoys at Cawnpore.

You Catholics all both great and small the young as well
as old,

I pray you give attention to what I will unfold:
Tis of the deadly masacre which happened at Cawnpore
In which our holy clergymen were martyred in their gore.

Those pure and holy clergymen, as you may understand,
All in the year of fifty four they left St. Erin's land,
To preach and teach all nations as was by heaven decreed,
That those whom God appointed should go forth and plant
the seed.

Those pure and holy missioners, the gospel did expound
Till their chapels were dismantled and levelled to the ground
Their vestments, and the chalice, and cross, as it appears
Were trampled on and torn, by the wretched mutineers,

To wreck their deadly vengeance they took them one by one,
Like lambs unto the slaughter our clergy were led on:
Before that demon Nena Sahib, most heavenly they stood,
As thus the ground around them stood was dyed with human
blood.

The Rev. James Fitzgerald, and the Rev. John O'Hare,
With father Thomas Morgan from the county of Kildare,
Poor father Smith, from Dublin, in that very trying hour,
They suffered death most dreadful, with the Rev. Thomas
Power.

With exorciating tortures those demons in their ire,
Chopped off their legs & arms and threw them in the fire,
They cut their scarlet bodies up as they done many before
This is the way the sepoy used our clergy at Cawnpore.

The suffering of our clergy there's nothing could surpass,
To think now they were murdered while celebrating mass,
Like infuriated demons, the cursed mutineers,
They being the Lord's anointed they ran them through
with spears.

Oh! God it is most frightful to think how they were used,
Before the nations of the earth who seemed no way confus'd!
At such unhuman cruelties they would have shut their eyes
Without seeking retribution from the murderous sepoy's.

Oh, let us hope sincerely that him who rules on high,
Has taken their poor souls to dwell in everlasting joy,
For like our blessed Redeemer upon Mount Calvary,
They pray to God Almighty, to forgive their enemies.

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