

You sons of Erin, bold and brave, Unto me lend an ear,
For sad and dismal is the news This day I bring you here.
By this War with France and Prussia, There are thousands left to mourn,
For their husbands, sons, and fathers dear, Who'll never more return.

We blame the King of Prussia For commencing this great War, He intruded on the soil of France, And did the Frenchmen dare, For the boundary of their conntry, And their honour to maintain, They had to fight the Prussians In thousands on the Rhine.

When first these two great armies met It was a glorious sight, Each man he was determined And eager for the fight When the bugle sounded the advance Their power they did display, But the Prussians they were six to one Against the French that day.

Commanded by M'Machon bravely, Canrobert and Bazaine, The Frenchmen fought like heroes bold And Victories great did gain, They'll make them for to rue the day! That e'er they cross the Rhine, And mourn the loss of thousands That they will leave behind. Theres plenty of brave Irishmen Fighting on French soil Who by appression had to leave Their homes in Erin's Isle. They've volunteered their services For France to live or die, Like their ancestors brave of old Who ne'er were known to fly.

Patrick Maurice M'Mahon Is a hero of great fame, Of an ancient Irish family, Who ne'er disgraced his name. He has proved himself victorious Upon the battle field, In many a flerce engagement He caused the foe to yield.

M'Mahon he is wounded, But we hope it's not severe, Encased in every Irish heart His name is held most dear. And the deeds of his ancestors Is in history's page enrolled, And his shall be inserted there, In letters of bright gold.

Tho' Napoleon has surrendered This Wars not at an end The French have men and money left Their honour to defend On the strong Forts of Paris, The Republic flag display To the last they will defend it,

Or each Frenchmen swears he 11 die.