

THE BALLAD OF 1916

Names in a history book, dog eared and worn,
Long proclamations of freedom sworn,
The loss of so many young lives in our land,
For a cause so impossibly grand.

CHORUS

**The hope of a nation among broken hearts,
And the promise that something amazing would start,
That this ancient island would finally be free,
That's what 1916 means to me.**

Sadness and joy, battles lost and won,
The history of Ireland and the daughters and sons
Who fought with such bravery for you and for me,
For the green white and gold to be free

CHORUS

Now we remember 100 years on,
The battles, the heroes and how far we have come,
Peace in our streets and the chance to live free,
That's what 1916 means to me.

CHORUS x 2 & repeat last line to finish.

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