

Easter 1916 Quotations

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Quotes

"All changed, changed utterly:

A terrible beauty is born."

Explanation:

The poet says everything has changed completely. A new, strange but powerful thing has started because of the sacrifice.

"Too long a sacrifice

Can make a stone of the heart."

Explanation:

The poet says that sacrificing too much can make a person hard and cold inside. It shows the pain of a long struggle.

"Hearts with one purpose alone

Through summer and winter seem

Enchanted to a stone

To trouble the living stream."

Explanation:

People who have one strong goal become very focused. Their dedication makes them like a hard stone in the flowing river of life.

“MacDonagh and MacBride

And Connolly and Pearse

Now and in time to be,

Wherever green is worn,”

Explanation:

The poet names four leaders who died in the uprising. He says people will remember them forever wherever Irish people live.