

Requiem for the Croppies Literary Device

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Symbols

Barley: Barley in the poem is a symbol of hope, rebirth, and remembrance. The croppies carried barley in their pockets as food, and after their deaths, it grew from their graves. This shows that even though they died, their spirit and the dream of Irish freedom continued to live on.