



# Easter Rising Quotes

**“Ireland unfree  
shall never be at  
peace.”**

**- Pádraig H. Pearse**

**“There are many things  
more horrible than  
bloodshed and slavery  
is one of them.”**

**- Pádraig H. Pearse**

**“If you strike us down  
now, we shall rise again  
and renew the fight. You  
cannot conquer Ireland.”**

**- Pádraig H. Pearse**

**“If our deed has not been  
sufficient to win freedom,  
then our children will win it  
by a better deed.”**

**- Pádraig H. Pearse**

**“We seem to have lost.  
We have not lost. To  
refuse to fight would have  
been to lose; to fight is to  
win.”**

**- Pádraig H. Pearse**

**“Ulster will fight  
and Ulster will be  
right.”**

**- Unionists**

**“Britain’s difficulty  
is Ireland’s  
opportunity.”**

**- IRB Military Council**



**“The rising was a  
criminal adventure. The  
leaders deserve little  
sympathy.”**

**- The Irish Times**

**“We declare the right  
of the people of Ireland  
to the ownership of  
Ireland.”**

**- The Proclamation**

**“I feel happiness the like  
of which I have never  
experienced. I die that the  
Irish nation might live.”**

**- Seán Mac Diarmada**

**“We know their dream,  
enough to know they  
dreamed and are dead.”**

**- W.B. Yeats**

**“I and my fellow signatories believe we have struck the first successful blow for Irish freedom. The next blow, which we have no doubt Ireland will strike, will win through. In this belief, we die happy.”**

**- Thomas Clarke**

“He was not frightened  
– not at all, not the  
slightest ..... He was  
quite calm.”

- Grace Gifford about Joseph Plunkett,  
before their wedding ceremony in jail

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