



Introduction

The following poem was written in the 1930's and is included in the Edinburgh Divided book by Tom Gallagher. You can use the following poem to emphasise the influence of the Protestant Action Society on the population of the time.

A useful way to bring this poem to life and promote engagement is to have a group member recite the poem. Dressing in the style of John Cormack can also add an extra element of realism.

Tae John Cormack

**My isn` t this toon just fair agog
Since in the wheel ye puit yer cog
Nary a place dae I gang walkin
But o the Protestant action Society the peoples talkin
I congratulate ye ya maun be prood
O hain enlisted sae a crood**

**Tis a bonnie fight keep fightin on
It maun be a while ere the papes are gaun
In Scotland here they`ve built their nest
Though they say they love old Ierland best
If Ierland tae them it is sae dear
Why the hell dae they come ower here**

**The day will come dinnae despair
When they`ll be hunted from their lair
An when it does a Scotland will say
Hail John Cormack ye`ve won the day
So battle on dear Johnny boy The day is comin yer day of
joy.**