

# A Nation Once Again

## Verse1

G Em G G7  
When boyhood's fire was in my blood,  
Am D7 G  
I read of ancient freemen.  
Em G G7  
For Greece and Rome who bravely stood  
Am D7  
Three hundred men and three men.  
Bm Am D7  
And then I prayed I yet might  
Em  
See our fetters rent in twain  
C Am D7  
And Ireland long a province,  
G D7 G  
Be a nation once again.

## Chorus

D7 C  
A nation once again,  
Am D7  
A nation once again,  
G Em Am D7  
And Ireland long a province be  
G D7 G  
A nation once again.

## Verse2

And from that time, through wildest woe,  
That hope has shone a far light  
Nor could love's brightest summer glow  
Outshine that solemn starlight  
It seemed to watch above my head  
In forum, field and fane  
Its angel voice sang round my bed:  
A nation once again!

## Chorus

Verse3  
It whisper'd, too, that freedom's ark  
And service high and holy  
Would be profaned by feelings dark  
And passion vain or lowly,  
For Freedom comes from God's right hand  
And needs a godly train,  
And righteous men must make our land  
A nation once again!

## Chorus

## Verse4

So as I grew from boy to man  
I bent me to that bidding.  
My spirit of each selfish plan  
And cruel passion riddling  
For thus I hoped someday to aid,  
Oh can such hope be vain  
When my dear country shall be made  
A nation once again!

## Chorus

The lyrics to A Nation Once Again have been an inspiration to Irish nationalists for nearly 200 years.

The words were written by Thomas Davis, who lived in Dublin and was prominent in the nationalist movement in the 1840s. The opening lines of the song with their reference to ancient Greece and Rome reflect Davis' classical education at Trinity College, Dublin.

Davis composed many other songs and lyrics but sadly died in 1845, aged 30. For more information about *A Nation Once Again*, and videos of various performers, visit <http://www.irishmusicforever.com/a-nation-once-again>

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