

THE FENIAN BANNER.

But the harp that so long hath been silent and sleeping,
Resigned by its master in gloom and despair,
Shall again be brought forth from the shrine where its sleeping,
And with glad notes of freedom enliven the air.

When the voice of the brave with its echoes shall mingle,
In the clangor of arms, or the transport of glee,
For the millions who love it will shortly assemble,
To proclaim that their nation again shall be free.

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Medium Lithography; printer's ink and watercolor on wove paper

Basic Detail Report

Description An allegorical figure of a woman, presumably representing Ireland, stands on the prostrate figure of a man, presumably representing England. The woman wears a helmet, a coat of mail, a wide belt, a cape or shawl, and a dress. She holds a sword in her right hand and a flag with a harp on it in her left hand. The man, who is lying on his back and appears to be unconscious or dead, is wearing armor and a crown. A sword and a broken chain lie beside him. These figures stand on a high rocky bluff. A sailing ship is on the ocean in the left background. A fire burns on a rocky hill in the right background. The entire composition is encircled with a wreath of shamrocks with eight bust-length portraits of men in medallions. A ribbon encircling the wreath is inscribed at the top: "ERIN / GO BRAGH." The names of the men are inscribed on the ribbon beneath their portraits as follows: "CURRAN. / FLOOD. / EDWD. FITZGERALD. / THOMAS MOORE. / DANIEL O'CONNEL. / WILLIAM S. O'BRIEN. / EMMET. / GRATTAN."

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 11 3/4 x 9 1/4in. (29.8 x 23.5cm) Sheet (height x width): 14 7/8 x 10 3/8in. (37.8 x 26.4cm)