

The Rescue (of those imprisoned for lighting bonfires 1788)

To light fire is a right,
To warmth, cooking, light,
Comfort, company, craic,
Celebration.
Protest.

Now there is fear of fire,
Losing property to the flames,
Or control to the masses.

Comrades need rescue.
Walls are high,
The rope may fall before the crest.
A grapple iron,
Any old iron,
Weight.
Our strongest hurler,
Our best shoulders,
Our most daring,
To the rescue.

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