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Since 1939, young anarchists in Spain have paid the price for resisting Francoism. Raúl Carballeira, a prominent figure in the anarchist underground, was one who paid the ultimate price when surrounded by police on Montjuich mountain in Barcelona.

**Raúl Carballeira**

(February 28, 1918 – June 26, 1948)

Bursts of shrapnel  
mowed down your young body.  
But you still had a gasp of breath,  
a gasp of breath and a bullet;  
and your mind, like a rapid steed,  
galloping in the air,  
on a hot June afternoon,  
exploded under your own impact.

I cry out and I cry out with vehemence;  
I cry out with vehemence, oh brother;  
for never did they succeed  
in chaining The Idea  
nor gagging The Word.  
The word that expresses  
the soul of the ideas.  
We are a hammer of steel.  
We shall continue hammering.  
Each word, a blow;  
each blow, a spark;  
each phrase, a flame;  
and in fires of words,  
torches of The Idea  
illuminating the darkness,  
we shall proceed on the path  
with the dawns of truth.