

Songs from the First World War – Vol 1

Word Sheet

1) It's a long way to Tipperary

It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Tipperary
To the sweetest girl I know!
Goodbye Piccadilly,
Farewell Leicester Square!
It's a long long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there.

Repeat as above

2) Keep the Home Fires Burning

While your hearts are yearning
Though your lads are far away
The dream of home.
There's a silver lining
Through the dark clouds shining
Turn the dark cloud inside out
'Til the boys come home.

Repeat as above

3) While this is the end of A perfect day

Near the end of a journey to,
But it leaves the thought that is big and strong
With a wish that is kind and true
For mem-'ry has painted this perfect day
With colours that never fade
And we find at the end of a perfect day
The soul of a friend we've made

4) Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag

And smile, smile, smile,
While you've a lucifer to light your fire,
Smile, boys, that's the style
What's the use of worrying?
It never was worthwhile, so
Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
And smile, smile, smile.

Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
And smile, smile, smile
While you've a lucifer to light your fire,
Smile, boys, that's the style.
What's the use of worrying?
It never was worthwhile, so
Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
And smile, smile, smile.

...and smile, smile, smile.
And smile, smile, smile

SLOWER

Turn the dark cloud inside out
'Til the boys come home

This medley was originally commissioned by Grenville Jones, founder of the Golden-Oldies Charity in 2015. It was part of a schools WW1 project across the South West of England.

In November 2017 the Goldies Charity launches its NEW 1916-1918 WW1 intergenerational programme for Primary Schools across England and Wales. This medley – volume 1 – is therefore still available for all schools to perform and enjoy, as well as a second medley – volume 2 – and full information on all project materials can be accessed from the website www.ourmemories.org.uk

This Medley has been set to music by Alwyn Humphreys MBE as SAB for community choirs and SSA for Primary School Children (or simply as a unison medley). Published by Banks Music Publications with special rates for Schools.

www.golden-oldies.org.uk

Songs from the First World War – Vol 2

Word Sheet

4 bars intro 6/8 time

- 1) The other day I chanced to meet a soldier friend of mine.
He'd been to camp for several weeks and he was looking fine.
His muscles had developed and his cheeks were rosy red,
I asked him how he liked the life and this is what he said

- (21) Oh! How I hate to get up in the morning
Oh! How I'd love to remain in bed
For the hardest blow of all is to hear the bugler call
You've got to get up, you've got to get up, you've got to get up this morning
- (37) Oh! Boy the minute the battle is over, Oh! Boy the minute the foe is dead
I'll put my uniform away and move to Philadelphia
And spend the rest of my life in bed

(57) 4 bars intro then 3/4 time

- 2) *Smile the while you kiss me sad adieu - When the clouds roll by I'll come to you
Then the skies will seem more blue
Down in lovers lane my dearie - (73) Wedding bells with ring so merrily
Every tear will be a memory - So wait and pray each night for me
Till we meet again

REPEAT from *

- (Ooh through verse till)
. . . . So wait and pray each night for me,
Till we meet again

5 bars then 2/4 time

- 3) (97) Sister Susie's sewing shirts for soldiers
Such skill at sewing shirts our shy young sister Susie shows
Some Soldiers send epistles, say they'd sooner sleep in thistles
Than the saucy, soft, short shirts for soldiers sister Susie sews

REPEAT all of Chorus

4) (117) 3 bars then 4/4 time

There's a long long trail a winding into the land of my dreams
Where the nightingales are singing and a white moon beams
There's a long long night of waiting until my dreams all come true,
Til the day when I'll be going down that long long trail with you

- 5) (137) Good-bye ee Good-bye ee, wipe the tear baby dear from your eye ee
Tho its hard to part, I know, I'll be tickled to death to go.
Don't cry-ee, Don't sigh-ee, There's a silver lining in the sky-ee
Bonsoir old thing! Cheerio! Chin-chin! Na-poo! Toodle-oo, Good-bye ee!

REPEAT all Chorus

This Medley has been set to music by Alwyn Humphreys MBE as SAB for community choirs and SSA for Primary School Children (or simply as a unison medley). Published by Banks Music Publications with special rates for Schools.

www.golden-oldies.org.uk

This Medley has been
commissioned by
Grenville Jones in 2017
as founder of the
Golden-Oldies charity.
It is part of a 1916-1918
WW1 Primary Schools
inter-generational
programme - for full details
of music scores available
SSA / SAB see
www.ourmemories.org.uk