

# memorial ground

## solos

eternal, ethereal and otherworldly  
accents are light, as if in spoken rhythm

words and music by david lang

these solos may be sung by singers in any range. the pitches are fixed but the octaves may be adjusted to accommodate the vocal ranges of individual singers

solos may be sung without words, or new words may be added - it is suggested that added texts be about people, places, or events that need to be remembered, that might be forgotten without our vigilant attention

solos may be trimmed or extended to accomodate added texts - if a solo needs to be extended it is suggested that the last note of the solo be repeated until the text is completely sung

inner rests and groupings may also be trimmed or extended in order to fit a text better

the same solo may accumulate many different texts

solos are meant to be sung along with the accompanying hymn 'those who have truly given'

solos may begin entering on the first repeat of the hymn, and both hymn and solos may be repeated as many times as desired

solos may be repeated as desired, and should be sung in any order

solos should be staggered, overlapped, unpredictable, independent, and they should feel completely disconnected from the hymn and from each other, taking special care to avoid locking into the tempo or meter of the hymn

singers should feel free to speed up or slow down these solos at will, and may adjust rhythms, note values and pauses at will

solo singers and hymn singers may be two distinct groups of voices, or individual solo singers may emerge from the choir that is singing the hymn, and may return as desired, blurring the divisions between the hymn group and solo group

it is imagined that the solo singers may wander through the performance space, and may even mix among the audience, in which case a stage director or choreographer may be useful in performance

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My Great Un - cle Hugh Pax - ton who died at Flan - ders age nine - teen

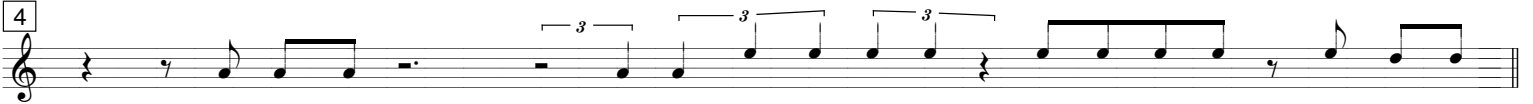
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He - ri - ot and Will - iam Bayne my Great Un - cles died with - in twen - ty three days of each o - ther

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The o - ther one is bu - ried in Ca - na - da

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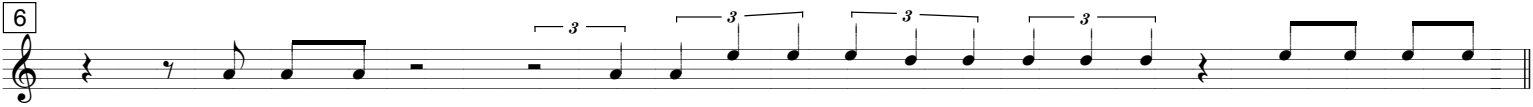
He was killed on eigh - tenth No - vem - ber nine - teen six - teen aged nine - teen

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He was killed in France on May twelfth nine - teen six - teen and is bu - ried there

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He was killed in ac - tion on twen - ty fifth Sep - tem - ber nine - teen fif - teen

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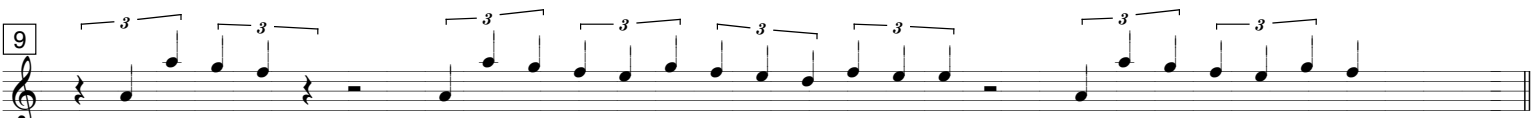
They were un-mar-ried, lea-ving no chil-dren, so I try to keep their me-mo-ry and sa-cri-fice a-live

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Words can - not de - scribe the sense of pride I feel when I think of Tho - mas

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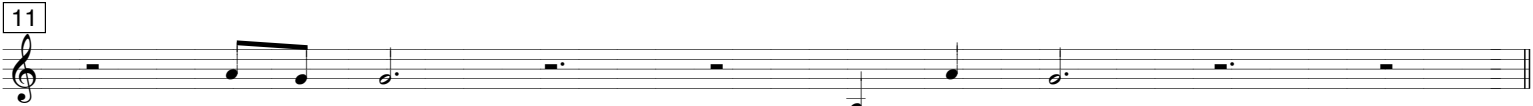
My great un - cle is - n't on a - ny me - mo - ri - al in his home just a for - got - ten sol - dier

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Still sad - ly missed still sad - ly missed

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He was killed at the Somme

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He is bu - ried in a small ce - me - te - ry ve - ry close to where he fell

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My great un - cle Ro - bert Dow Da - vid - son died in the Bat - tle of the Somme and ne - ver re - turned

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My great un - cle George Mas - son is re - mem - bered

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my Grand - fa - ther served in the war and re - ceived a me - dal for his bra - ve - ry

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My pa - ter - nal grand - fa - ther lost his hand in the bat - tle of Ar - ras

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My ma - ter - nal grand - fa - ther was gassed and lost his sight and one lung

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My ma - ter - nal grand - fa - ther fought and re - turned safe - ly

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We have searched for his grave with no re - sult

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My two great un - cle's names are on the Mar - kinch and Les - lie war me - mo - ri - als

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My great un - cle Pe - ter O - wens lied a - bout his age to join up and sur - vived un - til Pas - schen - dale where he was lost

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Great Un - cle Har - ry Chal - mers from Dun - dee killed in ac - tion thir - teen e - le - ven nine - teen six - teen

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My un - cle was a - ward - ded the M - M for bra - ver - y at the age of nine - teen

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My hus - band's Grand - fa - ther is on the Bow - hill Me - mo - ri - al

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Sad - ly, no let - ters

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Sad - ly, no pho - tos

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Sad - ly, no dia - ries

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He went out on the fi - eld and brought his boss - back who was ly - ing wound - ed

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I don't real - ly know much o - ther than he was killed at the Bat - tle of Loos aged twen - ty four

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He was nine - teen years old

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His bo - dy was ne - ver found

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you are ne - ver real - ly dead un - til they for - get you are ne - ver real - ly dead un - til they for - get

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My grand - fa - ther, Frank Smith, was a coal mi - ner from Lan - ca - shire who vo - lun - teered in nine - teen four - teen

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My grand - mo - ther's bro - ther Frank La - ver - ty is on the me - mo - ri - al in Me - mo - ri - al Gar - den

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He served in the Sea - forth High - lan - ders in this bat - tle

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My dear mo - ther A - lice Pot - ter, she brought up all six of us a - lone due to my fa - ther being af - fec - ted by his ex - pe - ri - en - ces in the war

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They were bro - thers

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He has no known grave

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His mem - 'ry lives on in all of us

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Lost both of my grand - fa - thers in the war

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One of them is some - where in France

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Al-though bad-ly woun-ded in nine-teen six-teen he sur-vived the war mar-ried and star-ted a fa-mi-ly

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My Great Un - cle Da - vid Eas - ton was in the Ro - yal Fu - si - liers

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My un - cle James Mac - kie died aged nine - teen in the war

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Pri - vate se - ven - oh - se - ven John Ro - gers was born at Old Monk - land La - nark - shire

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One was mis - sing pre - sumed dead and was ne - ver found and gi - ven a pro - per - bu - ri - al

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One was shot at Ma - metz woods

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He vo-lun-teered to go to France and left all those he loved so dear-ly back in I-re-land

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His sa - cri - fice still is felt just as it was one hun - dred years a - go

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He was a mi - nis - ter who stu - died at St. An - drews

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I lost my grand - fa - ther

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John A - dam - son Wat - ters

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My fa - ther's Un - cle Wil - liam died in nine - teen se - ven - teen as a re - sult of in - ju - ries in the war

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My dad's cou - sin is on the me - mo - ri - al park

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My un - cle Pe - ter Jaap is on the me - mo - ri - al in Tor - ry - burn Pri - ma - ry School

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My Great Grand - fa - ther fell on one se - ven six - teen and is bu - ried in He - bu - terne

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Fife pro - vi - ded ma - ny men and wo - men for the great war