

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 accommodate 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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those who have lived those who fight those who fought for it those who made

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those who have shared those who have su-por-ted those who have those who have served those who served those who have none

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those who need help those who are suff-er-ing

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those who have those who have passed on

5
those who have those who have lost their lives

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those who have those who have been lost

7
those who have gi-ven their blood those who do not fear those who have made their way

8
those who have passed those who are of-ten o-ver-looked

9
those who are not as for-tu-nate those who ac-tu-a-lly spilled blood those who sa-cri-ficed them-selves

10
those who are stan-ding those who have failed

11
those who died those who for-get

12
those who brave-ly fought those who gave their life

13

those who paid the ul - ti - mate price those who have suf - fered and con - ti - nue to suf - fer

14

those who are clo - sest to us those who don't have a - ny - one

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those who were lost those who were those who those who were

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those who make it hap - pen those who keep us

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those who make it hap - pen those who were not

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those who make it hap - pen those who shield - ed us

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those who have had great in - lu - ence on ou - r lives

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those who al - so paid those who sup - port those who tru - ly served

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those who char - ted the course we are on now

22

those who stood up for what is right

23

those who helped us grow and be - come who we are now

24

those who work to serve all of us

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those who cre - a - ted such

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those who fell for who they were

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those who were not a - fraid

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those who served and lost their lives those who served those who served and lost their lives

29

those who have helped us get to where we are those who have helped us get to where we are

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those who fought and those who died

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those who fought and those who died

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those who served and those who sa - cri - ficed those who served and those who sa - cri - ficed those who served and those who

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those who are af - fec - ted those who made the ul - ti - mate sa - cri - fi - ces

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those who are be - ing left be - hind those who need our pray - ers

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those who those who no - bly sa - cri - ficed them - selves

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those who con - ti - nue to feel those who are for - got - tent those who have been here for years those who

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those who

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those who

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those who