

Remember Them (prologue)

This opening chorus is set to a poem by D. Ross Campbell which captures the patriotic spirit in which so many young men of Canada enlisted to serve their country's armed forces upon the declaration of war in August, 1914. There was indeed a truly communal spirit of adventure and duty. Indeed there are more than a few known cases of youths faking their age or health record in order not to be left behind from their comrades. They were not alone in having no conception of the type of horrific and murderous war that awaited them in the fields of France and Belgium.

See also programme notes to the other movements, which are listed separately.

Choirs are hereby given permission to print the accompanying score of this and each subsequent movement and to duplicate as many copies as they require for their own performances. Permission is also given them to perform this work, and those who choose to do so are asked to inform John Laing ahead of time, using my contact page.