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1) AMID A WORLD OF PAIN AND WAR  
Lucy Mills 8 8 8 8 (LM)

1 Amid a world of pain and war,  
we find our hope in you alone;  
we pray that your transforming love  
will turn to flesh our hearts of stone.

2 When nations rise to fight their cause  
and bombs are heard throughout the night,  
we ask for help, for hope, for rest,  
and pray that we might walk in light.

3 As we remember those we’ve lost  
and talk of death and sacrifice,  
we pray for loved ones left behind  
to whom it seems too high a price.

4 When those in power betray our hopes  
and disregard the poor and weak,  
let words of mercy lead to change:  
Lord, may your Holy Spirit speak.

5 Where violence terrifies the earth  
and hatred has assumed the throne,  
God of the cross, disarm us now,  
with the forgiveness you have shown.

6 We look for dawn in darkened skies  
and to the day when wars will cease;  
we cry to you, O Lord of all,  
to guide our feet in paths of peace.

2) AS THE MEMORIES ECHO DOWN THE AGES  
Becky Mynett 10 9 10 9 D

1 As the memories echo down the ages,  
scenes of bodies mired in Flanders mud,  
wasted lives of long-lost sons and sweethearts,  
left behind mid poppies red as blood.  
While at home, their family life disrupted,  
women toiled in unimagined roles,  
as the silent zeppelins brought carnage  
and again the passing bell was tolled.

2 As the memories echo down the ages,  
of a kingdom occupied by Rome:  
foreign forces, pagan domination,  
those who longed for God to bring shalom.  
See, he comes to challenge all injustice,  
fight oppression, selfishness and greed,  
with his call to reconciliation:  
Prince of Peace, who cares for all in need.

3 As the memories echo down the ages,  
powerful empires, locked in bitter feud:  
may we turn our backs on war and conflict,  
so your peaceful Kingdom can break through.  
Help us tame our fallen human nature,  
and control our cruel and selfish spite,  
turn to Christ and value every stranger,  
changing lives to bring forth peace and light.

3) HOPE FOR THE WORLD’S DESPAIR  
Ally Barrett 6 6 6 4 4 4
Winner of Jubilate’s Hymns of Peace competition 2018

1 Hope for the world’s despair:  
we feel the nations’ pain;  
can anything repair  
this broken earth again?  
For this we pray:  
in every place  
a spark of grace  
to light the way.

2 Wisdom for all who bear  
the future in their hand,  
entrusted with the care  
of this and every land.  
When comes the hour,  
O Lord, we pray,  
inspire the way  
we spend our power.

3 Honour for all who’ve paid  
war’s painful, bitter price,  
when duty called they made  
the greatest sacrifice.  
Their memory  
will never cease  
to cry for peace  
and harmony.

4 Ease for the troubled mind  
in endless conflict caught,  
each soul that cannot find  
the peace beyond all thought.  
May they be blessed  
with healing balm  
for inner calm  
and perfect rest.

5 Love for the human heart:  
when hate grows from our fears  
and inwardly we start  
to turn our ploughs to spears.  
Help us to sow  
love’s precious seed  
in word and deed,  
that peace may grow.

4) LORD, HELP US TO REMEMBER  
Sue Gilmurray 7 6 7 6 D

1 Lord, help us to remember  
the victims of past wars:  
the ones who fell in combat  
believing in the cause,  
the ones pressed into service  
who fought against their will,  
the ones who suffered torment,  
the ones who suffer still.
2 Lord, help us to acknowledge the reasons why they died:
the leaders who chose warfare through prejudice or pride,
the patriotic fervour,
the failure to foresee how vast and how appalling the loss of life would be.

3 Lord, help us to consider the conflicts of our day:
the cruel and complex struggles,
the games the powerful play,
and, by your Holy Spirit, enable us to stand for justice in all nations and peace in every land.

4 For when you lived among us, our true, incarnate Lord,
you fought the powers of evil with love, and not the sword.
You lived and died to save us, and worked your Father’s will:
to show your power through mercy, to heal and not to kill.

5 Lord, give us grace and courage to live by your commands,
to love our fellow-humans with all that love demands;
and may we truly honour the fallen of the past by working now for justice, to build your peace at last.

6) THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD
from ‘For the Fallen’ by Laurence Binyon
They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them, we will remember them.

7) TODAY, AS ON ALL LANDMARK DAYS
Christopher Idle 8 6 8 6 D (DCM)
1 Today, as on all landmark days
we search for common ground;
where shall our unity in Christ, in times of war, be found?
For those who dared, destroyed and died and those who served at home, with those who never fired a shot; all to their rest have come.

2 The names of rivers, woods and towns endure so long, so late;
so unforgettable the scenes, indelible, the date;
while bittersweet, such memories stir us to think, and live as those with everything to lose and everything to give.

3 We honour Henry Allingham, and with him, Harry Patch; these last survivors now have gone who kept their lonely watch.
Each had contrasting thoughts of war as unresolved as ours; we taste the glory, feel the shame; some red, some white, the flowers.

4 Ours is a different age, and world; still one in need of grace; of justice, freedom, pardon for one helpless human race.
We who acknowledge one true Lord unite in faith today, for death is not the final word, but Christ, the living Way.

5 O Christ our Judge, our Life, our Peace, who laid your body down, let us not fail through power or pride to gain your righteous crown.
Our prayers, our hopes cannot undo the horrors of the past; come, risen Saviour, bring for all the Kingdom that will last!

Allingham (1896–2009) was ‘Kitchener’s last volunteer’
Patch (1898–2009) was the last surviving soldier from WW1
8) WE COME TO YOU, O LORD OUR GOD
Irene Jarvis 8 8 8 8 D (DLM)

1 We come to you, O Lord our God,
bringing our thanks for mercies past:
for battles done and blessings shared,
for those who served and put self last.
And now we ask forgiveness, Lord,
for sins which stain our nation's soul.
Grant us your pardon and your peace.
Come, heal our land and make us whole.

2 Help us to guard the gift of peace,
hope of the brave who fought and died.
May neighbours live in harmony
and races flourish side by side.
Peace on the earth, in homes and hearts;
let battles cease and barriers fall.
Peace with our God through Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and Lord of all.

9) WE SOLEMNLY REMEMBER
Emma Turl 7 6 7 6 D

1 We solemnly remember
the casualties of war
who never knew the freedom
they struggled to restore.
Reports of bitter discord
and tensions still increase:
may God draw near in mercy
and help us strive for peace.

2 The message brought by angels
announcing Jesus' birth
is needed now, as ever,
throughout this troubled earth.
He died for guilty strangers,
his cross is our release;
by grace we live, proclaiming
the gospel of his peace.

3 The rainbow, sign of promise
emblazoned on the sky,
reminds us of God's covenant,
unchanged as years go by.
When vision fades or falters
and strength and hope decrease,
his Spirit will empower us
and fill our hearts with peace.

4 In Christ, the path of grieving
will lead at last to joy;
his realm of light and goodness,
no evil can destroy.
Through him, whose love and justice
will neither spoil nor cease,
may we, by faith united,
pursue his heavenly peace.

10) WHEN THE GUNS OF WAR FELL SILENT
Andrew Moll 8 7 8 7 D

1 When the guns of war fell silent,
weary soldiers cheered and sang.
In the streets of towns and cities
crowds rejoiced and church bells rang.
Row on row of limestone crosses
now recall the sacrifice.
We remember, we will treasure
peace, that comes at such a price.

2 On a dark Judaean hillside
crosses silhouette the sky,
where the Son of God was taken,
crucified and left to die.
He was wounded for our healing,
gave his life that we might live,
deepest mercy, reconciling
peace, that nothing less could give.

3 When will all the guns be silent?
How we long for war to cease.
From the ruins of each conflict
rises up our prayer for peace.
May the selfless love of Jesus
give us hope at last to see
all the nations, celebrating
peace, when all the world is free.
1a Amid a world of pain and war

Words: Lucy Mills
Music: English Traditional / arr. Noël Tredinnick

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C/D  D7  G  Am7  G/B  Em7

1. A - mid a world of pain and war, we find our
2. When na - tions rise to fight their cause and bombs are
3. As we re - mem - ber those we've lost and talk of
4. When those in pow'r be - tray our hopes and dis - re -

Em7/D  Am/C  D(SUS4)/G  D/F#  Am7/E  G/D  Cm

hope in you a - lone; we pray that your trans-form - ing
heard through-out the night, we ask for help, for hope, for
death and sa - cri - fice, we pray for loved ones left be -
gard the poor and weak, let words of mer - cy lead to

Em  Am7  Bm7  C(add2)/E  Em7/D  D7  G

love will turn to flesh our hearts of stone.
rest, and pray that we might walk in light.
hind to whom it seems too high a price.
change: Lord, may your Ho - ly Spi - rit speak.

5. Where violence terrifies the earth
and hatred has assumed the throne,
God of the cross, disarm us now,
with the forgiveness you have shown.

6. We look for dawn in darkened skies
and to the day when wars will cease;
we cry to you, O Lord of all,
to guide our feet in paths of peace.
1b Amid a world of pain and war

DEEPEST PEACE
8 8 8 8 (LM)

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Music: Stephen Burtonwood

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6. We look for dawn in darkened skies and
1. A mid a world of pain and war, we
2. When nations rise to fight their cause and
3. As we remember those we've lost and
4. When those in pow'r betray our hopes and

to the day when wars will cease; we
find our hope in you alone; we
bombs are heard throughout the night, we
talk of death and sacrifice, we
disregard the poor and weak, let

cry to you, O Lord of all, to
pray that your transforming love will
ask for help, for hope for rest, and
pray for loved ones left behind to change: Lord,
5. Where violence terrifies the earth and hatred has assumed the throne, God of the cross, disarm us now, with the forgiveness you have shown.

6. We look for dawn in darkened skies and to the day when wars will cease; we cry to you, O Lord of all, to guide our feet in paths of peace.
2 As the memories echo down the ages

Words: Becky Mynett
Music: Oskar Ahnfelt, arr Joel Payne

BLOTT EN DAG

1. As the memories echo down the ages, scenes of bodies mired in Flan-ders'
   memories echo down the ages, of a kingdom oc-cupied by
   memories echo down the ages, powerful em-pires locked in bit-ter

   E♭(D)       Fm/E♭(Em/D)       B♭/E♭(A/D)

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   E♭(D)       B♭/D(A/C♯)       Cm7(Bm7)       Fm(Em)

   mud, wasted lives of long-lost sons and sweet-hearts, left be-
   Rome: fo-reign forces, pa-gan do-mi-na-tion, those who
   feud: may we turn our backs on war and con-flict, so your

   B♭(A)       E♭sus4(Dsus4)       E♭(D)       Gm7(F♯m7)

   hind mid pop-pies red as blood. While at home, their fam-i-ly life dis-
   longed for God to bring sha-lom. See, he comes to chal-lenge all in-
   peace-ful King-dom can break through. Help us tame our fal-len hu man

   Ab(G)       Fm7(Em7)       B♭(A)       B♭/Ab(A/G)       Gsus4(F♯sus4)       G(F♯)

   rup-ted, wo-men toiled in u-ni-ma-gined roles, as the
   jus-tice, fight op-pres-sion, sel-fish-ness and greed,
   na-ture, and con-trol our cruel and sel-fish spite, with his
   turn to
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3 Hope for the world’s despair

Words: Ally Barrett
Music: John Ireland

1 Hope for the world’s despair: we feel the nations’ pain; can anything repair this broken earth again? For trust-ed with the care of this and e-very land. When duty called they made the greatest sac-cir-fice. Their

2 Wisdom for all who bear the future in their hand, en-

3 Honour for all who’ve paid war’s pain-ful, bit-ter price, when

this we pray: in e-very place a spark of grace to light the way.

4 Ease for the troubled mind in endless conflict caught, each soul that cannot find the peace beyond all thought. May they be blessed with healing balm for inner calm and perfect rest.

5 Love for the human heart: when hate grows from our fears and inwardly we start to turn our ploughs to spears. Help us to sow love’s precious seed in word and deed, that peace may grow.

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1. Lord, help us to remember the victims of past wars: the ones who fell in combat believing in the cause, the lea-ders who chose war-fare through prejudice or pride, the cruel and complex struggles, the games the pow’r-ful play, and,

2. Lord, help us to acknowledge the reasons why they died: the ones pressed into service who fought against their will, the patriotic fervour, the failure to foresee how by your Holy Spirit, ena-ble us to stand for ones who suffered torment, the ones who suffer still.

3. Lord, help us to consider the conflicts of our day: the vast and how ap-palling the loss of life would be. jus-tice in all na-tions and peace in e-v’ry land.

4. For when you lived among us, our true, incarnate Lord, you fought the powers of evil with love, and not the sword. You lived and died to save us, and worked your Father’s will: to show your power through mercy, to heal and not to kill.

5. Lord, give us grace and courage to live by your commands, to love our fellow-humans with all that love demands; and may we truly honour the fallen of the past by working now for justice, to build your peace at last.
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3. Lord, help us to consider the conflicts of our day: the
cruel and complex struggles, the games the powerful play, and,
justice in all nations and peace in every land.
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4. For when you lived among us, our true, incarnate Lord, you
who fought the powers of evil with love, and not the sword. You
who worked your Father’s will: to

5. Lord, give us grace and courage to live by your commands, to

love our fellow humans with all that love demands; and

may we truly honour the fallen of the past by

working now for justice, to build your peace at last.

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1. O God of the nations, we humbly recall the
millions in wartime who sacrificed all; and
as we remember the grief and the pain, we
pray that their dying was not all in vain.

2. O God of our longings, we dream of a time of
no more oppression, no hunger or crime; that
good things you give us with those in despair; for
time and commitment that others may live; and
life made more hopeful, more loving and kind.

3. O God of compassion, you call us to share the
time you give us with those in despair; for
the millions who hunger for justice and peace, may
always remember the ones who were slain, and
caring be active and hope never cease.

4. O God of the future, now help us to give our
commitment that others may live; and
pray that their dying was not all in vain.
prayer for the millions who lived in despair; for
the millions who were slain, and
They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

we will remember them.
7 Today, as on all landmark days

KINGSFOLD
Words: Christopher Idle
Music: Traditional English Melody
arr David Peacock

1. Today, as on all landmark days we search for common ground; where
2. The names of rivers, woods and towns endure so long, so late; so
3. We honour Henry Allingham, and with him, Harry Patch: these

shall our unity in Christ, in times of war, be found? For
unforgettable the scenes, in de liable, the date; while
last survivors now have gone who kept their lonely watch. Each

those who dared, destroyed and died
those who served at home, with
had memories stirring us to think, and live

those who never fired a shot; all to their rest have come.
those with everything to lose and everything to give.
taste the glory, feel the shame; some red, some white, the flowers.

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We come to you, O Lord our God

Words: Irene Jarvis
Music: C H H Parry

JERUSALEM
8 8 8 D (DLM)

1. We come to you, O Lord our God, bringing our thanks for mercies past:
   for battles done and blessings shared, for those who served and put self last. And now we
   mf cresc. ff mf
ask for forgiveness, Lord, for sins which stain our nation's soul. Grant us your
par - don and your peace. Come, heal our land and make us whole.

2. Help us to guard the gift of peace, hope of the brave who fought and died. May neighbours live in har- mon-
y and races flourish side by side. Peace on the earth, in homes and hearts; let battles cease and barriers fall. Peace with our God through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Lord of all.
9a We solemnly remember

CRÜGER

Words: Emma Turl
Music: J Crüger, adapted W H Monk

1. We solemnly remember the casualties of war who
2. The message brought by angels announcing Jesus' birth is
3. The rainbow, sign of promise emblazoned on the sky, re-
4. In Christ, the path of grieving will lead at last to joy; his

ne - ver knew the free - dom they strug - gled to re - store. Re -
need - ed now, as e - ver, through-out this trou - bled earth. He
minds us of God's co - venant, un - changed as years go by. When
realm of light and good - ness, no e - vil can de - stroy. Through

ports of bit - ter dis - cord and ten - sions still in - crease: may
died for guilty stran - gers, his cross is our re - lease; by
vi - sion fades or fal - ters and strength and hope de - crease, his
him, whose love and jus - tice will nei - ther spoil nor cease, may

God draw near in mer - cy and help us strive for peace.
grace we live, pro - claim - ing the gos - pel of his peace.
Spir - it will em - power us and fill our hearts with peace.
we, by faith uni - ted, pur - sue his heav - en - ly peace.

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9b We solemnly remember

HEAVENLY PEACE
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Words: Emma Turl
Music: Stephen Burtonwood

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1. We solemnly remember the casualties of war who
2. The message brought by angels announcing Jesus' birth is
3. The rainbow, sign of promise emblazoned on the sky, reminds us
4. In Christ, the path of grieving will lead at last to joy; his

realm of light and goodness, no evil can destroy. Through

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...him, whose love and justice will neither spoil nor cease, may

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...vision fades and falters and strength and hope decrease, his

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we, by faith united, pursue his heavenly peace.

God draw near in mercy and help us strive for peace.

Spirit will empower us and fill our hearts with peace.

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10a When the guns of war fell silent

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When the guns of war fell silent, weary soldiers cheered and sang,
in the streets of towns and cities, where the Son of God was taken,
crowds rejoiced and church bells rang.
Row on row of limestone cru cified and left to die.
crosses rise up our prayer for peace.
May the selfless love of cross es, now recall the sacrifice:
healing, gave his life that we might live:
Jesus, give us hope at last to see
We remember, we will treasure
deepest mercy, reconciling
all the nations, celebrating

peace, that comes at such a price.
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10b When the guns of war fell silent

HYFRYDOL
8 7 8 7 D

Words & Music: Andrew Moll

1. When the guns of war fell silent, weary soldiers cheered and sang.

2. On a dark Judae-an hill-side crosses silhouette the sky,

3. When will all the guns be silent? How we long for war to cease.

In the streets of towns and cities crowds rejoiced and church bells rang,
where the Son of God was taken, crucified and left to die.
From the ruins of each conflict rises up our prayer for peace.

Row on row of limestone crosses now recall the sacrifice.
He was wounded for our healing, gave his life that we might live:
May the self-less love of Jesus give us hope at last to see

We remember, we will treasure peace, that comes at such a price.
deepest mercy, reconciling peace, that nothing less could give.
all the nations, celebrating peace, when all the world is free.

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