

If I had my way

Harry Patch and other WW1 veterans- amended

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with three staves: Soprano 1 (Sop. 1), Soprano 2 (Sop. 2), and Alto. The lyrics are as follows:

System 1 (Measures 1-6):
Sop. 2: If I had my way, I would lock all leaders in a room and
System 2 (Measures 7-12):
Sop. 2: let them fight it out, then there'd be no need for lads like me
System 3 (Measures 13-19):
Sop. 1: If I had my way, I would lock all leaders in a room and let them fight it out, then there'd be no need
Sop. 2: to go to war. If I had my way, I would lock all leaders in a room and let them fight it out, then there'd be no need
Alto: If I had my way, I would lock all leaders in a room and let them fight it out, then there'd be no need
System 4 (Measures 20-25):
Sop. 1: - ders in a room and let them fight it out, then there'd be no need
Sop. 2: - ders in a room and let them fight it out, then there'd be no need
Alto: - ders in a room and let them fight it out, then there'd be no need
System 5 (Measures 26-31):
Sop. 1: for lads like me to go to war. Oo
Sop. 2: for lads like me to go to war. Oo
Alto: for lads like me to go to war. Oo

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Men

Sop. 1

Sop. 2

Alto.

Why should the go-vern- ment send me to a bat- tlefield

oo

oo

oo

37

Men

Sop. 1

Sop. 2

Alto.

to shoot a man I ne-ver knew, whose lan-guage I could-n't speak?

oo

oo

oo

41

Men

Sop. 1

Sop. 2

Alto.

All those lives lost in a war fin-ished o-ver a ta-ble. Now

oo

oo

oo

46

Men
8 where's the sense in all that? Give your lea- ders,

Sop. 1
— If I had my way, I would

Sop. 2
— If I had my way, I would

Alto.
— If I had my way, I would

51

Men
8 give them each a gun, and let them fight it out them - selves.

Sop. 1
lock all lea - ders in a room and let them fight it out,

Sop. 2
lock all lea - ders in a room and let them fight it out,

Alto.
lock all lea - ders in a room and let them fight it out,

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Men
8 Let them fight it out them - selves. Let them fight it out them selves. —

Sop. 1
— then there'd be no need for lads like me to

Sop. 2
— then there'd be no need for lads like me to

Alto.
— then there'd be no need for lads like me to

61

Solo

Men

Sop. 1

Sop. 2

Alto.

If I had my way, I would

Give your lea- ders,

go to war._____ If I had my way_____ I would

go to war._____ If I had my way,_____ I would

go to war._____ If I had my way,_____ I would

67

Solo

Men

Sop. 1

Sop. 2

Alto.

lock all lea- ders, I would lock them in a room

give them each a gun,_____ and let them fight it out them -

lock all lea - ders in a room and let them fight it out,

lock all lea - ders in a room and let them fight it out,

lock all lea - ders in a room and let them fight it out,

71

Solo

till they had worked it all out, till they had

Men

selves. Let them fight it out them- selves.

Sop. 1

then there'd be no need

Sop. 2

then there'd be no need

Alto.

then there'd be no need

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Solo

worked it all out.

Men

Let them fight it out them selves.

Sop. 1

for lads like me to go to war.

Sop. 2

for lads like me to go to war.

Alto.

for lads like me to go to war.