Moonshine

“I am sick and tired of fighting – its glory is all moonshine”:
General William Tecumseh Sherman, 1865

Their dreams of war, straight from the silver screen, are of John Wayne, George Scott and David Niven; they'll take that trench and storm that hill. Dream-driven the war games of the young can be forgiven.

The truth of it is something yet unseen. They view the clash of men and arms as thrilling, and, training for it, will be more than willing to play their part in state-mandated killing.

The war they find is quite another story; counting the costs of it, wounded and dead, merely a waste of time and lives – the glory is all moonshine as General Sherman said.

The old heroic fantasies subside, the bugle calls and muffled drumbeats cease; and those who soldiered on the darker side are the most powerful advocates of peace.

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BARITONE SEMICHORUS

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

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