

Tyne Cot at night

A silver moon was in the sky
and from the south a warm wind blew.
We thought we'd seen it all before,
but this was something new-
just rows and rows of pale white stones
standing out in the morning dew,
and a wall inscribed with more homicide
than a lifetime's friendship ever knew.

A monument to those who fell
speaks still of duty nobly done,
and those who followed to their fate
followed the lie that first begun
when the wheels of history rolled into place,
and the call went out to serve the gun,
which relentlessly, without poetry,
killed a generation of our sons.

And as we wander through the gloom,
what stories could these stone retell,
each one a different former life,
each one a different dying hell?
A Catholic spurned, an exile returned,
and a general reduced to tears:
it's their legacy that the truth should be
remembered now and down the years.

Only the truth can bring us peace,
and truth in time will free these souls,
and those who manufacture war
will crawl dejected to their holes;
and for us it seems like a far-off dream,
but here the seeds of peace are sown,
and like a gardener we must stand by
to nurture them until they're grown.

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$\text{♩} = 62$ (NB: Melody is carried by Baritone)

TENOR

A sil-ver moon_ was in the sky, and from the south a warm wind blew;

BARITONE

A sil-ver moon_ was in the sky, and from the south a warm wind blew;

BASS

7

T

we thought we'd seen it all_ be- fore_ but this was some-thing new, just rows and

Bar

we thought we'd seen it all_ be- fore_ but this was some-thing new, just rows and

B

14

T

rows of pale white stones stand-ing out in the mom ing_ dew,___ and a wall in-

Bar

rows of pale white stones stand-ing out in the mom ing_ dew,___ and a wall in-

B

22

T

scribed with more_ hom-i- cide_ than a life - time's friend-ship e-ver knew.

Bar

scribed with more_ hom-i- cide_ than a life - time's friend-ship e-ver knew.

B

29

T
A mon-u - ment to those who fell speaks still of du - ty nob-ly done, and those who

Bar
A mon-u - ment to those who fell speaks still of du - ty nob-ly done, and those who

B
A mon-u - ment to those who fell speaks still of du - ty nob-ly done, and those who

36

T
fol-lowed to their fates fol-lowed the lie that first be - gun when the wheels of his-t'ry rolled

Bar
fol-lowed to their fates fol-lowed the lie that first be - gun when the wheels of his-t'ry rolled

B
fol-lowed to their fates fol-lowed the lie that first be - gun when the wheels of his-t'ry rolled

43

T
in - to place and the call went out to serve the gun, _____ which re - lent - less-

Bar
in - to place and the call went out to serve the gun, _____ which re - lent - less-

B
in - to place and the call went out to serve the gun, _____ which re - lent - less-

50

T
ly with- out _____ po-et-ry _____ killed a ge - ne - ra - tion of our sons.

Bar
ly with- out _____ po-et-ry _____ killed a ge - ne - ra - tion of our sons.

B
ly with- out _____ po-et-ry _____ killed a ge - ne - ra - tion of our sons.

57

T
8 And as we wan-der through the gloom, what sto-ries could these stones re - tell, each one a

Bar
And as we wan-der through the gloom, what sto-ries could these stones re - tell, each one a

B

64

T
8 diff' rent form - er life, each one a diff' rent dy-ing hell: a Cath' - lic spurned, an ex -

Bar
diff' rent form - er life, each one a diff' rent dy-ing hell: a Cath' - lic spurned, an ex -

B

71

T
8 ile re-tuned, and a ge - ne - ral re-duced to tears. It's their le - ga - cy that the

Bar
ile re-tuned, and a ge - ne - ral re-duced to tears. It's their le - ga - cy that the

B

79

T
8 truth should be re - mem - bered now and through the years.—— On - ly the

Bar
truth should be re - mem - bered now and through the years.—— On - ly the

B

86

T
8 truth can bring us peace, and truth in time will free these souls, and those who man-u- fact - ure

Bar
truth can bring us peace, and truth in time will free these souls, and those who man-u- fact - ure

B

93

T
8 war will crawl de-ject-ed to their holes. And for us it seems like a far - off dream, but

Bar
war will crawl de-ject-ed to their holes. And for us it seems like a far - off dream, but

B

101

T
8 here the seeds of peace are sown, and like a gard' - ner we

Bar
here the seeds of peace are sown, and like a gard' - ner we

B

107

T
8 must stand by to nur - ture them un - til they're grown.

Bar
must stand by to nur - ture them un - til they're grown.

B