



Wreaths were laid in front of the cenotaph in Sunderland on Remembrance Day.

Bravemen never cry?

What famous man once said,
Old soldiers never die?
Who was the man that said,
Brave men never cry?

For I am old, a soldier too,
And many times I've died,
I am brave, a man as well,
And many times I've cried.

So many years have flown by,
Since I was a fighting soldier,
But the memories haunt me still,
And grow more painful as I grow older.

The young, I hope, will never know
The horrors I have seen,
And I pray to God, they'll never go
To the Hell where I have been.

Every November, I remember still,
How I glorified the war,
Then only to find death and pain
In the eyes of the homeless and poor.

An old soldier I may be,
But I've learned from being so,
That war is Hell on earth,
A Hell I hope you'll never know.

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