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1
A century passes, memories will fade;
war’s sun goes down, sharp pain is hid in shade.
Yet still we pray for peace, as those men prayed;
we will remember them. [we will remember, we will remember.]

2
Ten times ten thousand fell amid that rage.
What is the gain we measure from that age,
once reaped from carnage on that harrowed stage?
We will remember them. [We will remember, we will remember.]

3
While some were buried, others have no grave,
unmarked they fell, yet all, we say, were brave,
and still we stand in thanks for all they gave:
we will remember them. [we will remember, we will remember.]

4
Then let us work and move and strive for peace
until the grace of God can bring release,
and then all nations sing and never cease:
Alleluia! [Alleluia! Alleluia!]

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The tunes ENGELBERG or SINE NOMINE are commended for this text. When using SINE NOMINE the alternative verse endings shown in square brackets should be sung.

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