

Under a cloudless blue sky The Somme

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♩ = 51

Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

ff

mp

ff

♩ = 51

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Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

legato mf

Un-der a cloud-less blue sky hay mea-dows rea-dy and dry Troop mass of thou sands

legato mf

Un-der a cloud-less blue sky ah hay mea-dows rea- dy. Troop, mass,

mf

mf

V.S.

14

Bar. Solo

S.
two migh-ty Em-pires all stand-ing rea-dy to die. Pro-mise of hot sum-mer sun

A.
thou - sands all stand-ing rea-dy to die. Pro-mise of hot sum-mer sun

T.
8

B.

Pno.

19

Bar. Solo

S.
bay-o-nets glist' ning as one, wave up-on wave come, bay-o-nets shi-ning, This is the place called The

A.
bay-o-nets glist' ning, wave up-on wave come, bay-o-nets shi-ning, This is the place called The

T.
8
This is the place called The

B.
This is the place called The

Pno.

24 **B**

Bar. Solo

S. *f*
Somme this is the place called The Somme

A. *f*
Somme this is the place called The Somme

T. *f*
Somme this is the place called The Somme *f* words and rhythm are the priority: wrong notes don't matter (though get them right if you can!)
Somme this is the place called The Somme Big boots can't walk

B. *f*
Somme this is the place called The Somme Big boots, can't walk

Pno. *f* *mp*

31

Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T. *f*
Out of breath, can't talk I'm here in War no go-ing back. Big boots, can't walk

B. *f*
Out of breath, can't talk I'm here in War, no go-ing back. Big boots, can't walk

Pno. *f*

37 C

Bar. Solo

S. *p*
Un-der a cloud-less blue sky

A. *p*
Un-der a blue sky —

T. *mf*
Out of breath can't talk, I'm here in War no go-ing back, back! No go-ing

B. *mf*
Out of breath, can't talk, I'm here in War, no go-ing back back! No go-ing

C

Pno. *mp*

43

Bar. Solo

S. *mf*
The loss-es were te-rr-i-ble, men fell in their ba-ta-l'ons the

A.

T. *mf*
back!

B. *mf*
back!

Pno. *mf*

49 D

Bar. Solo

S. ver-y first day they count-ed six-ty thou - sand

A. *mf* six-ty thou sand

T. *mf* Can't walk, out of breath, can't talk, I'm

B. *mf* Can't walk, out of breath, can't talk, I'm

Pno. *sfp*

57

Bar. Solo

S.

A. *f* Un-der a Sep-tem-ber

T. *acapella f* here in War, no go-ing back___ Big boots, can't walk no go-ing back. no go-ing back.

B. *acapella f* here in War, no go-ing back___ Big boots, can't walk no go-ing back. no go-ing back.____

Pno. *sf* *p*

65

Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

Three lines of tren - ches, three lines of barb'd wire,
sky troops from all coun-tries will die.
troops from all coun - tries die. Three lines of tren-ches, three lines of barb'd wire,

70 **E**

Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

ma-ny will die in the mire the mire the mire Die in the
the mire
the mire
the mire
the mire
Ma - ny will,

v important rhythm
please dont rush
think in quavers:
1,2. 1,2. 1,2

E

77

Bar. Solo

S.
mire. please dont rush die mire, die in the mire die in the mire.
think 1,2. 1,2. 1,2. sssssssssssssssssss

A.
ma - ny will die die in the mire, die in the mire die in the mire.

T.
syncopated. please dont rush think 1,2. 1,2. 1,2 Die in the Die in the mire. die in the die in the

B.
ma - ny, will die, die ma - ny die in the mire, die in the, die in the

Pno.

ff

82 **F**

Bar. Solo

S.
mp There is trench foot, bo-dy lice, *f* surg' ry with-out mor-phine. un-tend-ed woun-ded, the sweet stench of gan-grene

A.
mp There is trench foot, bo-dy lice, surg' ry with out mor-phine. un-tend-ed woun-ded, the sweet stench of gan-grene

T.
mire.

B.
mire.

Pno.

mf

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Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B. *p*

sweet stench of gan-grene, — sweet stench of gan-grene, gan-grene, sweet stench of gan-grene, sweet stench of gan-

Pno.

p

103

Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B. *p* solo from choir tutti

grené There's a War and I came — and I'm no dam good — please God stop it now — If

Pno.

119

Bar. Solo

S. *f* the mire the mire ah the mire *ff*

A. Un-der a No-vern-ber sky the mire the mire mire, the mire

T. *think in quavers* Ah Ah The mire, mire, Mire,

B. *f* on ly I could Ah ah, Ah The mire, the mire Ah

Pno. *f* *ff* *<*

129

Bar. Solo

S. *rall* ah the Mire I see! *a tempo*

A. mire the mire *rall* *a tempo*

T. *rall* Mire, Ah I see their fa ces scared, eyes wide, boys just like me. In - side I cried

B. *rall* ah I see their fa ces scared, eyes wide, boys just like me. In - side I cried

Pno. *rall* *a tempo*

140 H

Bar. Solo

S. *f*
Screams and blood, bo-dies out of con - trol, _____ Waves of col-our waves of

A. *f*
Screams and blood, out of con - trol, _____

T. *f*
Screams and blood, bo-dies out of con - trol, _____ *f* legato -----
Waves of co-lour

B. *f*
Screams and blood, bo-dies out of con - trol, _____ *f* legato -----
waves of co-lour

Pno. *ff* H *sempre* *legato* -----

152 I

Bar. Solo

S. *legato*
co-lour _____ *mf* Your John-ny died peace-f'ly he felt no

A. _____ *f* *legato*
Your

T. *intense mp*
sil-ver hole _____

B. *mp* *intense*
sil-ver hole _____

Pno. *p* *mf* *mf* *p*

164

Bar. Solo

S. *f* pain. He died for his coun - try, *mp* Your John - ny died

A. John - ny died *f* peace - f'lly he felt no pain. *f* Your John - ny died

T. *f* legato Your John - ny died peace - f'lly he felt no pain. *f* Your John -

B. *mf* Your John - ny died peace - f'lly he felt no pain. Your

Pno. *mf*

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Bar. Solo

S. He died for his coun - try, did not die in vain *p*

A. peace - f'lly he felt no pain. *p*

T. ny died peace - f'lly he felt no *ff* pain. *f* He died for his coun - try, did not die in vain *p*

B. John - ny died peace - f'lly he felt no pain. *p*

Pno. *f* *p*

177 J

Bar. Solo

S. *mf* Wal - ter starb ru - hig Schmerz fühlt' er nicht, Er starb für die Hei - mat, er starb für das Licht. *p* but very distinct, we must hear the word No shrap - nel dis

A. *mf* Wal - ter ru - hig fühlt' - er nicht, starb für Hei - mat starb für das Licht.

T. *mf* Wal - ter starb ru - hig Schmerz fühlt' er nicht, er starb für die Hei - mat, Er starb für das Licht.

B. *mf* Wal - ter ru - hig fühlt' - er nicht, starb für Hei - mat starb für das Licht.

Pno. *mf* J *p*

186

Bar. Solo

S. mem - ber'd his limbs or his brain, No ly - ing in shell holes in the Somme's le - tal rain

A. *mp* *legato* No long drawn out

T.

B.

Pno. *mp*

191

Bar. Solo

S.

A. *legato*
death sur-round-ed by blood No help less drow ning in Gang gre-nous mud

T.

B.

Pno.

198 **K** *mp*

Bar. Solo

We don't know where he died, where to find his re - mains but we know he died

S.

A. *(h)*

T.

B.

Pno. **K** *mp*

209

Bar. Solo

peace__ ful - ly, and felt no pain.

S. *p* und-er a cloud-less blue sky

A. *p* und er a cloud less blue sky

T. *p* Cloud - les blue sky

B. *p* tutti Cloud - less blue sky

Pno.