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"No Mans Land"

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NO MAN'S LAND

(Eric Bogle)

1. Well, how'd you do, Private William McBride?

Do you mind if I sit here down by your graveside?

I'll rest here awhile in the warm summer sun,

I've been walking all day, Lord, and I'm nearly done.

And I see by your gravestone you were only 19

When you joined the glorious fallen in 1916--

Well, I hope you died quick and I hope you died clean,

Or, Willie McBride, was it slow and obscene?

Chorus:

Did they beat the drum slowly,

Did they sound the fife lowly,

Did the rifles fire o'er you as they lowered you down?

Did the bugles sing "The Last Post" in chorus?

Did the pipes play "The Flowers of the Forest?"

2. Did you leave a wife or a sweetheart behind?

In some faithful heart is your memory enshrined

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