

Under a cloudless blue sky

The Somme

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♩ = 51

Bar. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

ff

mp

7

A

Bar. Solo

S. *legato mf*

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

A. *legato mf*

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

T.

B.

A

Pno. *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.

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. 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 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

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.

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

ma-ny will die in the mire the mire_____ the mire_ Die in the

the mire_

ma-ny will die in the mire the mire_____ the mire_ v important rhythm
please dont rush
think in quavers:
1,2. 1,2. 1,2

the mire_ Ma - ny will,

77

Bar. Solo

S. *syncopated.*
mire. please dont rush die mire, die in the mire die in the mire.
think 1,2. 1,2. 1,2. sssssssssssssssssssss *fp*

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

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*

92

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 **G** 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_ *ff*
syncopated, please dont rush

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

B. on_ ly I could_ Ah ah, Ah The mire, the mire Ah_ *f*

Pno. *f* *ff* <

129

Bar. Solo

S. *rall* ah_ the Mire_ I see! *a tempo*

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

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

B. ah_ I see their fa-ces scared, eyes wide, boys just like me. In - side I cried_ *a tempo* *rall* *a tempo*

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. Your John - ny died *f*

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

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

Pno. *mf*

169

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. 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 fühl't 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 fühl't - er nicht, starb für Hei - mat starb für das Licht.

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

B. *mf* Wal - ter ru - hig fühl't - 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*

mp

V.S.

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.