

SOPRANO

Under a cloudless blue sky

Title from the Official army report of the Somme 1916,
extracts from poem by Helen Jowett, other words E J Feldberg.

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$\text{♩} = 51$ **4** **4** *legato* *mf*

Un der a cloud-less blue

10 **A**

sky hay mea-dows rea-dy and dry troop mass of thou-sands two migh-ty Em-pires

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all stand-ing rea-dy to die. Pro-mise of hot sum-mer sun bay o nets glis 'ning as

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one, wave up on wave come, bay - o - nets shi-ning, this is the place called The

24 **B** *f* **2** **7**

Somme this is the place called The Somme

37 **C** *p* **7** *mf*

un-der a cloud-less blue sky The loss-es were te-rri-ble men

48

fell in their bat-ta - li-ons, the ver - y first day they counted six - ty thou - sand

52 **D** **10** **3**

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Three lines of tren - ches, ^{syncopated.} three lines of barb'd wire, ^{please don't rush}

70 **E** ^{think 1,2. 1,2. 1,2} *ff*
ma-ny will die in the mire the mire__ the mire__

76 *fp*
Die in the mire. die mire, die in the mire die in the mire.

82 **F** *mp* *f*
There is trench foot, bo-dy lice, sur' gy with-out mor-phine. Un-tend-ed woun-ded, the sweet

90 **G** *f* <
stench of gangrene__ the

125 *ff* rall , a tempo **8**
mire the mire. ah__ the mire. ah__ the Mire__ I see!

140 **H** **3**
screams and blood, bo-dies out of con- trol,__ waves of col-our waves of

152 **I** **6** *mf* <
co-lour Your John - ny died peace-f'lly he felt no

164 *f* *mp*
pain__ He died for his coun - try, Your John - ny__ died

169 **3** *f*
He died for his coun - try, did not die in vain

177 **J** *mf* *p*
Wal - ter starb ru - h'ig Schmerz fühl't er nicht,__ Er starb für die Hei - mat, Er starb für das

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184 *p* but very distinct we must hear the words
Licht. No shrap-nel dis - member'd his limbs or his brain, No ly - ing in

188 shell holes in the Somme's le -thal rain

198 **K** 14

216 *p*
und - er a cloud-less blue sky

