

Away From Earthly Hell

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V1

As Wilfred, Les and Victor died,
when cruel shells pierced them through.
Did You think of the spear and nails,
that pierced Your body too?
and did You share their agony,
their fear and grief as well?
And lift them up to heavenly peace,
away from earthly hell?

V2

As Harry and a thousand men,
were dragged beneath the sea.
Did he share Your disciples' fear,
in that storm on Galilee?
And as You did with Peter,
did You reach out to him there?
to lift him up to be with You,
away from death's despair?

V3

As Charlie's blood spilt from his wounds,
on Palestine's dry sand.
Did his spilt blood mix there with Yours
spilt on that Holy land?
And still the blood soaks in that soil,
and still grief falls as well.
when will that land see earthly peace,
instead of earthly hell?

V4

As John lay dying in hospital,
his young wife by his side.
Did her cries match the womens' cries,
that You heard as You died?
And did You share their agony,
their helplessness as well?
And lift him up to heavenly peace,

away from earthly hell?

coda

They never lived to love again
to pray again at Park.
Or sit and talk with those they loved,
round firesides after dark.
They never lived to hear again,
the birds sing in the trees.
Or smell the springtime flowers.
Or feel the summer breeze.
They never lived to laugh again
their love, their life, was gone

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