In the hours before the fire rained down
And turned the evening into day
All was quiet, all was so serene
And all our thoughts were far away
With our loved ones, with our families
A future in a better world
With the hope that this all would make sense
Our hearts jumped when the flags unfurled

Not a breeze, not a breath, not a sigh All so tense, all so sacred, all stand-by

We were young immortal patriots
Proudly marching off to war
In our mind's eye we were heroes all
We couldn't see what lay in store
We all saw ourselves on the battlefields
Proud, with tombstones in our eyes
Not in this muddy hell of hopelessness
Paws just waiting round to die

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What a waste, what an awful aftertaste A travesty embraced Soldiers cry but still wait around to die Believers in the biggest lie

The never ending awe-inspiring endless nameless grind
The smell, the mud, the hope you never thought you'd have to find

The endless drone of shelling every day and every night And knowing only more wrong ever could make this be right

You keep your head down, and pray to god and hope he hears your voice Through drumfire roaring, that makes it feel like your head will explode You see your brother disintegrate and rot before your eyes You dream of home and you wish you were back there safe and dry

The barrage it left us deaf and blind I never heard the whistle bblow
But I followed where the others lead
Alive with patriotic glow
In a dream machine guns opened up
Mowing like the devils scythe
I saw my peers, my generation fall
In the mud I watched them die

Not a breeze, not a breath, not a sigh All so tense, all so sacred, all stand-by To hope, to pray, to wait around to die

No breeze, no life, no breath All gone, all gone, all dead No breeze, no life, no breath All gone, all dead