

Names on a Wall

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VERSE 1

They were young, they were handsome
They were vital when they fell
They did their duty, they were far away from home
We remember full of pride
And with sadness we confide
They joined in thousands, but they left the world alone

CHORUS

We wrote them letters everyday
So many things we didn't say
But instead we prayed 'stay safe, be brave, stand tall'
They read their bibles whilst in hell
Then they said their last farewell
And now we read their names on a wall

VERSE 2

They were our husbands and our brothers
They were our fathers and our sons
They were strong of mind, and keen to take command
But their bodies they were mortal
And the hearts were torn apart
They were fragile, like poppies in the sand

Henwyn orth fos

translated into Cornish by Ken George

GWERS 1

'Th enz-i yo'nk, 'th enz-i fethus,
ha kynz koedha, bywek enz
y hwrenz-i dever, tramor ha pell a-dre,
leun a woeth kevennyn, tru
kyn dre vilyow 'th enz dhe'n lu,
y feuns kellyz, peub y honan yn y le.

BURDHEN

Y skrifen dhedha-i pup dydh
lies tra ny gewsyn bydh
mes y pyzyn-ni "bydh saw, bydh krev, sa'bann"
i a redya skriptor sanz
kynz a ifarn moz war-nans
'ga henwyn ni a red orth fos a-vann

GWERS 2

Agan gwer yth enz, ha'gan breder
agan tazow, mebyon guv,
yth enz krev yn bryz, ha lymm yn-rag dhe voz
mes yn korf sojetys ankow
hag yn kolonn skwerdyz enz
yth enz hedorr, 'vel myllez war an ros.