

# Bloody Fields of Flanders

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Written on seeing, from a distance,  
recruits marching off to the Boer War.

Tune : Traditional Scottish "Busk, Busk, Bonnie Lassie"  
adapted as a slow march for bagpipes by an unknown scottish regimental piper in the  
Ypres salient in WW1. Heard by Hamish Henderson being played by Tom Smith,  
regimental piper of the Gordon Highlanders in Italy in 1943. The tune was used by  
Hamish for his peace broadside "Freedom Come-All-Ye"

On the i - dle hill of sum - mer Slee py  
On the i - dle hill of sum - mer Slee - py with the flow the  
On the i - dle hill of sum - mer

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with slee - py - y with the - e flow o - of streams Far I  
flo - ow of streams  
Slee - py with the flow of streams Far I

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hear the ste - dy drum - mer drum - ming like  
Far I hear the - e stea - dy drum - mer Drum - ming  
hear the stea - dy drum - mer hear the stea - dy - drum - mer drum - ming

li-ike a-a voice in dreams Far and near a - and

li-ike a-a voice in dreams Far and near a - and

like a noise in dreams Far and near a - and

low and lou - der On the roads on the - e roads o - of

low and lou - der On the roads on the - e roads o - of

low and lou - der On the roads on the - e roads o - of

earth go - o by Dear to friends a - and food for

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earth go - o by Dear to friends a - and food for

pow - der Sol - diers march ma-ar-chi-ing all to die

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pow - der Sol - diers<sub>2</sub> march ma-ar-chi-ing all to die

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To East and west on fields for - got - ten

To East and West on fields for - got - ten

To East and West on fields for - got - ten

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Bleach the bones bleach the - e bones o - of com - ra - ades slain

Bleach the bones of com - rades com - ra - ades

Bleach the bones of com - rades com - rades

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Love - ly lads a - and dead and rot - ten

slain Love ly lads and dead and rot - ten

slain Love ly lads and dead and rot - ten

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None that go none that go re - turn a - gain Now far the

None that go none that go re - turn a - gain Now far the

None that go none re - turn a - gain Now far the

cal - ling bu - gles hol - lo And high the screa -

cal - ling bu - gles hol - lo And high the screa -

cal - ling bu - gles hol - lo And high the screa -

ming the - e screa-mi-ing fife re - e - plies See the files

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o - of scar - let fol - low On the road march-ing un-der

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fal - - - ling skies Instrumental to finish

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