"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

Where are the lads of yesterday
We knew and we loved so well
Oh, they left their homes at the break of day
To the fifes and the drums they marched away
Into that Cockrit where war held sway,
Somewhere in France.

By the pale dim light in the ingle nook
A mother sits weary and worn,
Her tired eyes scan the family book,
And they gleam anew with a loving look
As she thinks of the son whom duty took
Somewhere in France.

Mothers, sisters, sweethearts and wives
What are you thinking now?
You are thinking, I trow, of the galant lives
That have sacrificed been to the German knives
In the great Armageddon that still survives
Somewhere in France.

You slackers at home on Easy Street,
What are you thinking now?
Are the shackles so strong on your hands and feet
That you idly stand while the war drums beat?
And you know the enemy's still to defeat
Somewhere in France.

Friends and Countrymen left behind,
What are you thinking now?

Are you perfectly satisfied in your mind
your duty is done to all mankind.
that you could no greater glory find
Somewhere in France?

Gallant lads of the day that's gone,
What are you thinking now?
That some day you'll meet us when all is done,
And by grace of God the victory's won,
You'll tell us you've buried the sword and gun
Somewhere in France.