Paschendale (Live Dortmund, Germany)

Iron Maiden

In a foreign field he lay

Lonely soldier, unknown grave

On his dying words he prays

Tell the world of PaschendaleRelive all that he's been through

Last communion of his soul

Rust your bullets with his tears

Let me tell you 'bout his yearsLaying low in a blood filled trench

Kill tim 'til my very own death

On my face I can feel the falling rain

Never see my friends againIn the smoke, in the mud and lead

Smell the fear and the feeling of dread

Soon be time to go over the wall

Rapid fire and the end of us allWhistles, shouts and more gun fire

Lifeless bodies hang on barbed wire

Battlefield nothing but a bloody tomb

Be reunited with my dead friends soonMany soldiers eighteen years

Drown in mud, no more tears

Surely a war no-one can win

Killing time about to beginHome, far away

From the war, a chance to live again

Home, far away

But the war, no chance to live againThe bodies of ours and our foes

The sea of death it overflows

In no man's land, God only knows

Into jaws of death we goCrucified as if on a cross

Allied troops they mourn their loss

German war propaganda machine

Such before has never been seenSwear I heard the angels cry

Pray to god no more may die

So that people know the truth

Tell the tale of PaschendaleCruelty has a human heart

Every man does play his part

Terror of the men we kill

The human heart is hungry still stand my ground for the very last time

Gun is ready as I stand in line

Nervous wait for the whistle to blow

Rush of blood and over we goBlood is falling like the rain

Its crimson cloak unveils again

The sound of guns can't hide their shame

And so we die on PaschendaleDodging shrapnel and barbed wire
Running straight at the cannon fire
Running blind as I hold my breath
Say a prayer symphony of deathAs we charge the enemy lines
A burst of fire and we go down
I choke a cry but no-one hears
Fell the blood go down my throatHome, far away
From the war, a chance to live again
Home, far away
But the war, no chance to live againSee my spirit on the wind
Across the lines, beyond the hill
Friend and foe will meet again

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