

## How do you tell a soldier?

How do you tell a soldier?  
That war is why he came  
To defend our rights for freedom  
In a land of foreign names.

How do you tell a soldier?  
To battle foes and strike  
A mirror image of one's self  
Until the enemy's death becomes  
a right  
Your passage of a moral honour  
With comrades of the same  
A memory forever imbedded  
In the battlefields of the slain.

How do you tell a soldier?  
That he is not coming home  
His last breath and heartbeat  
His soul no longer alone  
A picture in his wallet with a reminder  
of his home  
A family grieves forever  
His legacy of the unknown

How do you tell a soldier?  
His service for his country is recorded  
The day that he would cease to be  
With honour of his bravery and  
deeds of history

Each year we shall remember him  
With poppies by our hearts  
How do you tell a soldier?  
That war should never start

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