

And the world is silent



Today we remember the screams on the battlefield, the blood, the pain and the agony

Today we remember the fear and the sweat of those who were sent to fight in six long years,

Today we remember the unbearable noise of gunfire and tanks

Today we remember those who died.

And the world falls silent

Today we remember the women and children who stayed at home in worry and pain for those they loved

Today we remember the deafening screeching of the sirens, of planes overhead discharging their deadly load

Today we remember the terror and fear of the women and children huddled in basements and shelters

Today we remember those who died

And the world fell silent

Today we remember the men who came home wounded in body and soul

Today we remember the families that changed irrevocably because of what they have seen

Today we remember the screams of the innocent, the husbands, sons and fathers who never came back

The mothers and wives and daughters buried beneath the rubble of their houses

Today we remember those who lived and were changed forever

And the world fell silent,

FATHER, HAVE MERCY ON US