For Now We Lie

O'er rolling hills and windswept dales Grow poppies among the sunlit swales Each flower blooming, sways to and fro, Whispering legends of long ago Of soldiers who left both country and kin To struggles afar, quelling struggles within Each soldier bearing his pain and his sorrow Not knowing what might await on the morrow Amid bombing, bloodshed, and artillery shots The soldier repeats final wishes in thought Of loved ones at home to see once again "When will this chaos finally end?" Dying for freedom, for king and for land By graves marked with crosses on hills and on sand O'er rolling fields, the poppies still sway And the larks in the air their sad message relay "Lest we forget these soldiers so brave Who lived and who fought now lie in their grave"