

Their Sacrifice Our Freedom

The bombs blasted with an eerie orange glow
Illuminating the sky, piercing the darkness below

The whizzing of bullets blazing past my ear
Compelled me to scream and crouch down in fear

For my country, for Canada, I have to be brave
For the allied world, I will squelch my fears and save

The darkness enveloped the trenches in the late hours of night
This war is demanding but I will continue to fight

I jump to my feet and race through the debris
Knowing I would face the enemy

The allies around me held their rifles as they roared
I adjusted my firearm as the bullets soared

I knelt down behind a grove of trees
Pointed my rifle at someone my age and began to pray on my knees

My finger squeezed the trigger so fast
He falls to the ground lifeless and I know he won't be the last

This story I heard from Great Grandpa every year
Never once did he not shed a tear

Veterans like him should be respected every day
During war he never wanted to hesitate or disobey

People sacrificed their lives so we could be free
So we wouldn't reside in a country we would be forced to flee

I think of Vimy Ridge, Normandy, and Afghanistan
And so many other wars our soldiers could withstand

Their selflessness and determination brought Canada pride
Our veterans wisdom can be our guide

Our guide for the youth in Canada's time ahead
So we can teach the generations to come to remember the fallen bloodshed

On November 11th we stand in recollection
We acknowledge their sacrifice to lead our country in the right direction

We honor our soldiers sacrifice and sweat
So on this day, lest we forget