

# The Green Fields of France

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Sopran  
Alt

1. Well how do you do young Wil - ly Mc-Bride do you mind if I  
sun now it shines on the green fields of France there's a warm summer

Tenor  
Bass

A F#m D E E

6

sit here down by your grave-side and rest for a while in the warm summer  
breeze it makes the red pop - pies dance and look how the sun shines from un - der the

D A A F#m D

12

sun I've been walking all day and I'm near-ly done I see by your grave-  
clouds there's no gas, no barbed wire, there's no gun fi - ring now. but here in this grave-

E E D A A

18

- stone you were on - ly nine - teen when you joined the great fal - ling in nine - teensix - teen  
- yard it is still no man's land the count - less white crosses stand mute in the sand

F#m Hm D E D

24

well I hope you died well and I hope you died clean or young Wil - ly Mc -  
to man's blind in - difference to his fel - low man to a whole ge - ne -

E A F#m Hm D E

30

D A E D

Bride was it slow and ob - scene **Ref.** Did they beat the drum slowly did they play the fifes  
ration that were butchered and dammed

36

A E D E D

lowly did they sound the death march as they lowered you down did the band play the

42

A F#m A F#m E A

last post and chorus did the pipes play the flowers of the fo - rest

49

1. 2. A F#m D E E

2. Well the 3. Well Willy Mc - Bride I can't help wonder why do those that lie here know

57

D A A F#m D E E

why did they die? And did they be-lieve when they answered the call did they real-ly be -

64

D A A F#m Hm D

lieve that this war would end war well the sorrow, the suffering, the glo-ry, the pain the

71

E D E A F#m Hm

killing, the dy-ing was all done in vain for young Willy McBride, it all happened a-gain

78

D E D A E

and again, and again, and again, and again Ref. Did they beat the drum slowly did they

85

D A E D E

play the fifes lowly did they sound the death march as they lowered you down did the

91

D A F#m A F#m E A

band play the last post and chorus did the pipes play the flowers of the fo - rest