

## Remembrance Day



In Flanders Field the poppies grow  
Among the crosses row on row  
We hear these words time and again  
Seeing that image, remembering when

Years have passed and still the same  
As row on row the crosses remain  
Sadly, so many more have been lost  
As battles continue at such a cost

Men and women maimed for life  
Heads and hearts are filled with strife  
Leaving their families to go to fight  
Their goal to turn the wrong to right

Today is the day to not just remember  
Those that have passed away  
But to give thanks for those that are living  
Those that protect us everyday

We stand together in a sea of poppies  
We wear them proudly over our heart  
I like to think there is more to this symbol  
They are saying "Let's make a fresh start"

Because poppies bloom every year  
They surround us with beauty in spring  
The red is vibrant like a new life  
Hope, I believe they do bring

So here on Remembrance Day  
Let us wear our poppy with pride  
Honouring those that have gone on before us  
Being thankful for those at our side

Gretchen Huntley, Poet Laureate  
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