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C Am	F	Dm	
Well how do you do y	oung Willie	McBride,	
G G7	F	C	
Do you mind if I sit he	ere down by	•	le,
Am	F	Dm	
And rest for a while in G	n the warm G7 F	summer sun, C	
l've been walking all C Am	day and I'm	nearly done. F Dm	
I see by your gravest G	one you we F	ere only 19, C G7	
When you joined the	=	_	
Well I hope you died			clean,
G G7	F s it slow on	C d abasana	
Or Willie McBride wa	S It Slow an	d obscene.	
Chorus			
C G	G7		F C
Did they beat th	ne drum slo	wly? Did they	play the fife lowly?
G	-	37	F G
•	the death r		y lowered you down?
Dm Did the band of	ov the Leet		Am
Did the band pl C	ay iile Lasi F	G7	
Did the pipes p	-	_	
Did the pipee p	ay are rior		1001.
C A	m F	Dm	
And did you leave a	wife or a sw	eetheart behin	d,
G G7	F	C	
In some loyal heart is	-	-	
Am	F C		
And though you died G G7	F	C	
To that loyal heart you			
C Am	F	Dm	
Or are you a stranger G F	r without ev C	en a name, G7	
Forever enshrined be C Am	hind some Dm	old glass pane	? ,
In an old photograph		ered and stain	ed,
G G7	F	C	
And faded to yellow i	n a brown le	eather frame.	Cnorus

С	Am	F	Dm	
_	_	these green	fields of France,	
G	G7	F	C	
The warm v	vind blows gentl Am	ly and the red F	d poppies dance, Dm	
The trenche	es have vanishe	d long under		
G	G7	F C		
No gas, no	barbed wire, no	guns firing n	OW.	
C	Am	F	Dm	
But here in	this graveyard if	t's still "No M	an's Land",	
G	ř	С	G7	
The countle	ess white crosse	s in mute wit	ness stand,	
С	Am	Dm		
To man's bl	ind indifference	to his fellow	man,	
G	G7	F	С	
And a whole	e generation tha	at were butch	ered and damned	l. <mark>Chorus</mark>
С	Am	F	Dm	
•	Am help but wonder	-		
•		-		
And I can't I G	help but wonder	, oh Willie Mo	cBride C	
And I can't I G	help but wonder G7 F	, oh Willie Mo	cBride C died,	
And I can't I G Do all those	help but wonder G7 F who lie here kr Am	oh Willie Monow why they	cBride C died,	
And I can't I G Do all those	help but wonder G7 F who lie here kr Am	oh Willie Monow why they	cBride C died, Dm	
And I can't I G Do all those Did you rea G	help but wonder G7 F e who lie here kr Am Illy believe them	on Willie Monow why they For when they to F	cBride C died, Dm old you the cause C	
And I can't I G Do all those Did you rea G	help but wonder G7 F e who lie here kr Am Illy believe them G7	on Willie Monow why they For when they to F	cBride C died, Dm old you the cause C	
And I can't I G Do all those Did you rea G Did you rea C	help but wonder G7 F who lie here kr Am Ily believe them G7	on Willie Monow why they For when they to For whis war would	cBride C died, Dm old you the cause C d end wars. Dm	
And I can't I G Do all those Did you rea G Did you rea C	help but wonder G7 F e who lie here kr Am Ily believe them G7 Ily believe that t Am	on Willie Monow why they For when they to For whis war would	cBride C died, Dm old you the cause C d end wars. Dm the shame	
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G Em C Am
Well how do you do young Willie McBride,
D D7 C G
Do you mind if I sit here down by your graveside, Em C Am
And rest for a while in the warm summer sun, D D C G
I've been walking all day and I'm nearly done. G
I see by your gravestone you were only 19, D C G D7
When you joined the great fallen in 1916, G Em Am
Well I hope you died quick and I hope you died clean, D D7 C G
Or Willie McBride was it slow and obscene.
Chorus
G D D7 C G
Did they beat the drum slowly? Did they play the fife lowly?
D D7 C D Did they sound the death march? As they lowered you down?
Am G Em
Did the band play the Last Post and Chorus?
G C D7 G
Did the pipes play the Flowers of the Fo - rest?
G Em C Am
And did you leave a wife or a sweetheart behind,
D D7 C G
In some loyal heart is your memory enshrined, Em C Am
And though you died back in 1916,
D D7 C G
To that loyal heart you're forever 19.
G Em C Am
Or are you a stranger without even a name, D C G D7
Forever enshrined behind some old glass pane,
G Em Am
In an old photograph all torn tattered and stained,
D D7 C G
And faded to yellow in a brown leather frame. Chorus

G	Em	С	Am	
The sun's sh	nining down on	these green f	ields of France,	
D	D7	С	G	
The warm w	ind blows gentl Em	ly and the red C	poppies dance, Am	
The trenches	s have vanishe	d long under t		
D	D7	C G	•	
No gas, no b	oarbed wire, no	guns firing no	OW.	
G	Em	С	Am	
But here in t	his graveyard i	t's still "No Ma	an's Land",	
D	С	G	D7	
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_ G 	Em	Am		
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And a whole	generation tha	at were butche	ered and damned.	Cnorus
G	Em	С	Am	
_	Em nelp but wonder		Am Bride	
_	Em elp but wonder D7 C	, oh Willie Mc		
And I can't h D	elp but wonder	, oh Willie Mc	Bride G	
And I can't h D	elp but wonder D7 C	, oh Willie Mc	Bride G	
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