



# THE IMMORTAL LEGIONS



SONG

The Poem by

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## The Immortal Legions.

Now, in silence, muster round her  
All the legions of her dead.  
Grieving for the grief that crowned her,  
England bows her glorious head.  
Round the ever-living Mother,  
Out of the forgetful grave,  
Rise the legions that have saved her  
Though themselves they could not save.

Now the living Power remembers,  
Now the deeper trumpets roll —  
*Are there worlds beyond the darkness?*  
*Worlds of light beyond the darkness?*  
And a voice beyond the darkness  
Whispers to her stricken soul:

Mother of immortal legions,  
Lift again thy glorious head.  
Glory, honour and thanksgiving,  
Now, to our victorious dead.

*Alfred Noyes.*



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Voice. *Moderato.* *pp sostenuto*

Now in si - lence mus - ter round her

Piano. *f* *dim.*

All the le - gions of her dead, Griev - ing for the

*stacc.*

grief that crowned her, Eng - land bows her glor - ious head. Round the

*cresc.* *mf*



ev - er - liv - ing Mo - ther, Out of the for - get - ful

grave, Rise the le - gions that have saved her Tho' them -

-selves they could not save. (Repeat if desired.)

Now the liv - ing power re - mem - bers, — Now the deep - er trum - pets



*sf* roll— *p dolce* Are there worlds be - yond the dark - ness?

Worlds of light be - yond the dark - ness?

And a voice be - yond the dark - ness *p* Whis - pers to her

*mf* *p*

*rit.* strick-en soul:

*rit.*



*Più lento*

Mo - ther of im - mort - al le - gions, Lift a - gain thy

*pp Più lento*

*trem.*

*cresc.*

glo - rious head. Glo - ry, ho - nour and thanks giv - ing

*cresc.*

*allargando*

Now to our vic - tor - ious dead. *ff* *Molto maestoso*

*colla parte*

*ff*

*sf*

- mort - al le - gions, Lift a - gain thy glo - rious head.

*sf sf sf sf*

*sf*



Glo - - - ry, ho - nour and thanks - giv - ing,

*sf pesante*

Glo - - - ry, ho - nour and thanks - giv - ing,

*sf*

*allargando*

Now, \_\_\_\_\_ to our vic - tor - - ious

*ffz*

dead. \_\_\_\_\_

*ff*

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