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THE DIGGER'S LEGACY

Did you think that we'd forget you mate
With the slow march of the years?
That as time passed we'd wipe the slate
Of your sorrow and your tears?
Did you think we'd scorn your sacrifice
And find no honour in the debt?
When your lives paid our freedom's price
How then could we forget?

And that's the Diggers' legacy
The freedom we hold yet
We never can repay them
And we never should forget

Did you think we'd take for granted
All you fought to keep alive?
That the seeds your courage planted
Would struggle to survive?
When mothers fathers daughters sons
Gave their blood and tears and sweat
To nourish a peace so dearly won
How then could we forget?

A Digger stands in every town
On solemn sad parade
While beneath his feet as the years roll round
The names there slowly fade
But around him in the strong embrace
Of the freedom he defended
A nation sure of pride and place
Reaches for the vision splendid.