

YEKAM CHA SARVAM (SANSKRIT: ONE AND ALL)  
(1916 BATTLE - POEM FOR ST. STITHIANS COLLEGE AND PENRYN  
COLLEGE)

ONE AND ALL  
USE YOUR BRAINS  
TRUTH IS ONE THING  
SO IS BLAME.  
IMAGINE  
TAKE A BATTLEFIELD  
NOT LONG AGO  
WE RECALL TONIGHT  
A 100,000 SOULS

THOSE WHO LEFT US YOUNG  
LIQUIDESCENT REEKING ROTTING  
DEAD  
LET'S DRINK FROM CHALICES  
WITH CONSECRATED  
WAFER - BREAD

SONS EXQUISITE SCULPTURED FAIR  
LIMBED AS THE FABLED GODS OF GREECE  
(OF WHOM LUCKY MOTHERS PROUDLY SPEAK)  
THESE SAME SONS WIMPERED  
TO GOD ON HIGH  
TO SPARE THEM SPECIAL - SPECIAL DEATH  
THROUGH TEETH ONCE SO PERFECT

NOW THROUGH SPLINTERED MOUTHS  
THE BLOOD  
MY GOD  
THE BLOOD THE BLOOD

THEY PRAYED OUT LOUD AND TRIED THEIR BEST  
TO JUST BEG THE HAND OF GOD TO REST  
BARGAINED - PLEADING  
BESEECHING GOD  
THEY ASKED AGAIN (SO NICELY)  
BESEECHING GOD  
AGAIN AND AGAIN  
BESEECHING GOD  
ON AND ON  
BESEECHING GOD  
WHO LOVED THEM SO  
SO TENDERLY  
(WE'RE TOLD)  
OH SO VERY, VERY TENDERLY  
ON A BATTLEFIELD LIKE THE DREADED SOMME



GOLDEN CRUCIFIX CLUTCHED ( REMINDING GOD )  
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ASSURED THE ESCORT'S - SAFE  
WOUND AROUND FINGERS  
SMEARED IVORY - GRIMED  
SLENDER LOOSELY TREMBLING  
HELD UP AGAINST A FLEECE AZURE AND SAINTLY SKY  
BUT THEY CANNOT MOVE  
FROM WHERE THEY LIE  
THE CORPSE - RATS KNOW JUST WHERE THEY

LIE

GENTLE JESUS LOVING CHRIST  
HELP ME JESUS.. JESUS HELP ME !  
AND SMILING THAT ALL - CARING LOVING SMILE  
BENT DOWN LOW  
WHISPERED AS WARMLY  
AS RIGOR - ICE

SO ! YOU THINK I SHOULD HELP YOU NOW?  
FAREWELL YOUNG SOLDIER ! FAREWELL !  
- REPUDIATE THIS PROJECTED LIE -  
BUT YES ...  
YOUR SPINE - SHOT  
TAKES FOUR DAYS TO DIE ...

THESE DARLING SONS OF MOTHERS  
YE SAINTS OF WORTH  
RAVED FIERCE - DEMENTED  
DIED QUAVERING - SHRIEKING  
WEPT TO CHRIST THE SON AND THE HOLY GHOST  
FLAILING WEAK - ARMED  
AT SCURRYING - TORTURE  
BLOOD - EXCITED SQUEAKING MIRTH

COULD GENTLE SISTERS see THEM NOW  
COULD DOTING MOTHERS just hear THEM NOW  
JUST IMAGINE WHAT IT WAS LIKE IMAGINE

WHAT REMAINS ARE JUST  
THE WHO'S AND WHY'S  
EITHER JESUS SAVES ..... OR WESLEYS LIE.

THIS SAMARITAN - ROSE DOES NOT LIE  
'Y EKAM CHA SARVAM'  
ONE AND ALL ... IT WILL NOT LIE  
THE BUDDHA DOES NOT LIE.