Fright is familiar and death too common Bullets are shot through drunken bodies The war has awakened the good old demon The short-timers became creepy-crawlies

The great war has proved thirsty and hungry The profiteers were after their money The backliners wouldn't stop the production Of the weapons of the lost generation

Though they went on the path to glory
The short-timers ended up in the trenches
And there sure was no room for mercy
So many corpses but so few inches

Nothing new on the Western front They swore it should be the last blow Suddenly the earth stopped to grunt There sure will be no jam tomorrow

The backlines wouldn't stop the production Of the weapons of the last generation