

Ballad Of Denshaw Mill

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On a cold starry night in the winter time
Stood three old men by a mill pond in the moonlight
And they spoke of their young men in the front line
How they all wished them home for the Christmas time
As they spoke from the east came a bright light
And it sparkled like pure gold in their sad eyes
And an angel came down on Denshaw Mill
Spreading her light all around on the Darkside
Are you blind can you not see
Do you think that it's me who deceives?
He promised to be there if you believe, to carry you home

A hole as rotten as ever fouled the green earth
Was this old mill in it's day, spoke the angel
Yet there's many a poor boy in foreign climes
Who would think this old mill now a palace fine

As she spoke from the mill there came laughter
Came the warm sounds of their young men like a summer breeze
And they rose in the night like fire bright
Spreading their light all around on the Darkside

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No-one knows what became of the bonny lads
Posted missing, lost in action in a far land
Fools and heroes, gallant men, now side by side
With the old men who believed they came home that night
To the warmth of their homes at Christmas time
To the peace of their homes at Christmas time