

## When The War Began

### Pearls Before Swine

When the war began, she worked in an office and played the violin on her own time  
But the winter came in on marching feet, she met him and was gone  
He was gallant, he was fine  
Turned the summer days to wine

She came from a small town near Turino  
She wore a white dress and the church was very large  
In the town square a garden grew flowers that could push even through the snow  
And like the flowers she was free  
She had no one to please

The summer passed away, he was called to the front  
Wrote two letters but no more  
His child she could feel, but did not allow herself to have  
And she remembered in the night a little girl in white

The war stood like a cloud with many brave officers and she knew them all  
But their gallant white horses grew muddy and gray  
And in the garden in the town  
Marching soldiers pushed the flowers down

The war came to an end and there were no longer summer days or wine  
And she worked in an office but did not play the violin on her own time