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Written at the Battle of Ypres, 1915  
"I Want To Go Home"

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Valse Moderato

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of a piano introduction and three vocal stanzas. The piano introduction is marked 'Valse Moderato' and features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The vocal stanzas are written in 2/4 time and include lyrics. The piano accompaniment for the vocal stanzas is marked 'p' and 'ad lib till Voice'.

When first I joined the Ar - my, not so  
From meas - les I have suf - fered, and had

ve - ry long a - go, I said, "I'd fight the foe, and help Sir  
twelve at - tacks of "flue," And "men - in - gi - tus," too, But then

Doug - las Haig, you know." I've been in France just six - teen months, and  
no one ev - er knew. The rain and mud has gi - ven me the "Me -

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fight-ing now as yet, I have-n't seen a Ger-man, all I've seen is mud and  
di - tus" of the Spine, I get it ev - 'ry time they ask me to go up the

wet. To - mor - row, when the off - cer asks, "What would you like to do? I'm  
line. I've got rheu - ma - tis - m of my hair, A dis - lo - ca - ted face, I

go - ing to stand right up and say, "If it's all the same to you"  
think it's real - ly, real - ly time, That some - one should take my place.

CHORUS  
Valse Moderato

"I want to go home, — I want to go home; — The

*p-f*



Whizz-bangs and Shrap-nel a - round me do roar, I don't want this old

war a - ny more; Take me far o'er the sea, Where the

+)'All - e - man,' can-not get me, Oh, my! I don't want do  
(Prussian guard)

die, I want to go 'ome.' 'ome.'

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+ ) French word for a German