

Christmas In The Trenches

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Kate My name is Fran-cis To - lli - ver_ I come from Li-ver-pool

Hp D D/C[#] Bm Bm/A G G/F[#] Em
& guitar only

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Kate two years a-go the war was wait-ing for me af-ter school From Bel-gium and to Flan-ders from Ger-ma-ny to here I

Hp A A⁷ G D D D/C[#] Bm Bm/A G G/F[#] Em

II

Kate fought for king and coun-try I love dear Twas Chris-tmas in the trench-es where the frost so bi-tter hung The

Hp A A⁷ D A G D

15

Kate fro-zен fields of France where still no Christ-mas song was sung Our fam-lies back in Eng - land were toast-ing us that day their

Hp Bm Bm/A G Em⁷ Asus⁴ A D D/C[#] Bm Bm/A G G/F[#] Em

19

Kate
A.
Hp.

brave and glor-i-ous lad so far a - way
I was ly- in' with my mess - mate on the cold and rock-y ground
pp
Ooh etc.

A A⁷ D D D/C[♯] Bm Bm/A G G/F[♯] Em

23

Kate
A.
Hp.

when a-cross the lines of ba-ttle came a most pe-eu-liar sound Say I now li-sten up me boys each sold-ier strained to hear as
oo

A A⁷ G D D D/C[♯] Bm Bm/A G G/F[♯] Em

27

Kate
A.
Hp.

one young Ger-man voice sang out so clear He's sing ing bloo-dy well you know my part-ner says to me soon
oo

A A⁷ D A G D

31

A.
Hp.

one by one each Ger-man voice joined in in har-mo - ny The ca-nnons re-sted si - lent the gas cloud rolled no more as
Bm Bm/A G Em⁷ Asus⁴ A D D/C[♯] Bm Bm/A G G/F[♯] Em

35

A. Christ-ma brought us res-pite from the war

Hp. A A⁷ D G D A⁷ D Bm A Bm Em D/F# Em⁷ A⁷

add piano

39 C D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G/F# Em A A⁷ G D D D/C# Bm Bm/A

Hp.

44

A. - - - - - Ooo G D

Hp. G G/F# Em A A⁷ D A G D

49 Bm Bm/A G Em⁷ Asus⁴ A D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G/F# Em A A⁷

A. Bm Bm/A G Em⁷ Asus⁴ A D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G/F# Em A A⁷

Hp.

54 Kate D B⁷ Then one by one on ei-ther side-walked in-to no man's land with nei-ther gun nor bay-on-et we

A. Ooo

Hp. D B⁷ E C#m A F#m B B⁷

all rhythm instruments to play this rhythm

58

Kate met there hand to hand We shared some se - cret bran - dy and wished each o - ther well and in a

A.

Hp. { A E E C♯m A F♯m

61

Kate flare lit so-ccer game we gave them

A.

Hp. { B B⁷ E

65

A. sons and fa - thers far a - way from fam - lies of their own Young

67

A. San-ders played his squeeze-box and they had a vi - o - lin this cu - ri - ous and un-like - ly band of

70

A. [E] 20
men

92 B F

Kate

A. Soon day - light stole up - on us and France was France once more

95

A. with sad fare-wells we each be - gan to se - ttle back to war but the

97

A. quest-ion haun-ted ev -'ry heart that beat that won-drous night whose fam'ly have I fixed with-in my sights

Hp.

101

A. Twas Christ-mas in the tren-ches where the frost so bitter hung the fro-zен fields of France were warmed the

B A E C♯m C♯m/B

Hp. *enter piano and guitar*

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A. songs of peace were sung for the wallls they'd kept be-tween us to ex - act the work of war had been

A F♯m⁷ Bsus⁴ B E E/D♯ C♯m C♯m/B A A/G♯ F♯m

Hp.

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Kate [Kate only] **G**
Oh my name is Fran-cis To - lli - ver in Li-ver-pool I dwell

A. crum-bled and were gone for-e-vermore

B B⁷ E E E/D♯ C♯m C♯m/B A A/G♯ F♯m

Hp. & guitars only

III

Kate

each Christ-mas comes since world war one I've learned its le - ssons well For the

B B⁷ A E

Hp.

113

Kate

ones who call the shots won't be a - mong the dead and lame and on

E E/D# C#m C#m/B A A/G# F#m rit.

Hp.

115

Kate

each end of the ri - fle we're the same

S.

solo

A.

Still - e

Hp.

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S.

ho - ly night all is calm all is bright round yon vir - gin mo-ther and child ho - ly infantso

A.

Nacht hei - li - ge Nacht a - llesschlaft ein-samwacht nur das trau te hei - li - ge hei - li - ge Paar Ho - lder Knab im

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S.

ten-der and mild sleep in hea - ven-ly peace sleep in hea - ven-ly peace

A.

lock-ig- en lock-ig en Haar Schla-fe in himm-lisch-er Ruh Schla-fe in himm-lisch-er Ruh