Two Minutes

The bugle trills and stops
The bugler and the gathered bow
Silence flows and fills the air
We remember – now

The banners and the wreaths
The poppies and the cross
They all with us silent stand
Remembering the loss

Loved ones lost in distant lands
Gone from us forever
May they rest in peace with God
We remember - ever

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A year or so after I had written this, I gave a hand-written copy of it to Hank Bertrand, then President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Yellowknife Branch, at his request and for use, at his discretion, in Remembrance Day Exercises. I am not aware that he ever did use it.

I also ran it in the November 2009 issue of the St. Anne Council Knights of Columbus Newsletter.