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But it's prety much like most towns when the war 'as passed their way; There's tumbled shops an 'ouses an' there's brickbats everywhere,

Au a place that British soldiers call "'Alf-past Eleven Square."

There's a silly clock stuck up there that's forgot the way to chime,

With its silly fingers pointin' to the same old blooming time; An' the world it keeps on turnin' but if

makes no difference there, For it never gets no later in 'Alf-past Eleven Square.

There's a stink o' gas a-crawlin' where the people lived before, That it used to tell the time to when

there 'adn't been no war, In the day the whizz-bangs burstin' in the

night the star-shells' glare, An' oo' cares what the time is in 'Alfpast Eleven Square?

You could walk for 'arf a day there, an' there's not a soul to meet

In the empty smashed-up 'ouses an' the empty sand-bagged street;

They've packed their traps up long since an' they've gone for change of air, For you bet it ain't no 'ealth resort-'Alf-past Eleven Square.

An' it only wakes up sometimes, when the armies come an' go,

With the transport an' the wounded an' the big guns crawlin' slow;

But let 'em come or let 'em go, the clock don't seem to care If it's Fritz or Tommy marchin' through

'Alf-past Eleven Square.

Bu' it's waitin'-waitin'-waitin' till the world goes on once more, An' the folk come back to live there as

they used to live before, Ar, open wide the broken door an' climb

the broken stair An' move along its fingers in 'Alf-past Eleven Square.

Yes, it's waitin'-waitin'-waitin' just the same as you an' me, For the same world, only better than the

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